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H.P. 1161

House of Representatives, March 13, 2001

An Act to Require Sprinkler Protection in all Secondary and Postsecondary Dormitories.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by President MICHAUD of Penobscot and
Representatives: BRANNIGAN of Portland, COWGER of Hallowell, DAIGLE of Arundel,
RINES of Wiscasset, THOMAS of Orono, Senators: MARTIN of Aroostook, McALEVEY of
York, RAND of Cumberland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 25 MRS §2463-A is enacted to read:

§2463-A. Installation of sprinkler systems in dormitories

1. Approved automatic sprinkler system. A dormitory must be equipped with a complete, approved automatic sprinkler system.

2. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Automatic sprinkler system" means an automatic sprinkler system that at a minimum satisfies the requirements of Pamphlet 13 or 13R of the National Fire Protection Association or is recognized by the State Fire Marshal.

B. "Department" means the Department of Public Safety.

C. "Dormitory" means a housing unit of a public or private educational institution in the State.

D. "Educational institutional" means a secondary or postsecondary educational institution in the State.

3. Conversion of existing buildings. A building or existing structure that is converted into a dormitory must comply with the provisions of subsection 1 before the department approves the dormitory for occupancy.

4. Automatic Sprinkler Loan Program. The Automatic Sprinkler Loan Program, administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, is established for the purpose of providing low-interest loans to educational institutions to comply with this section. A loan issued under this subsection has an interest rate of 0% per annum for public educational institutions and 2% per annum for private educational institutions and must be repaid within 10 years of the date of the loan. The Finance Authority of Maine shall draft a form to apply for a loan under this subsection. The Finance Authority of Maine may not approve a loan application unless the applicant has completed the application and agreed to the terms and conditions required by the Finance Authority of Maine. Loan payments made pursuant to this subsection are credited to the Automatic Sprinkler Loan Fund, established in subsection 5. The Finance Authority of Maine may develop other standards and criteria for a loan under this subsection that the Finance Authority of Maine determines are appropriate.

