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House of Representatives, December 7, 2001

An Act Regarding Fire Inspections for Foster Homes.

Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 5, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and

Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, NUTTING of Oakland, SHIELDS of Auburn.

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8103, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1997, c. 728,
4 §12, is further amended to read:

6 **1. Procedures.** All procedures and other provisions
8 included in section 7904-A, subsections 1 and 2, for boarding
care facilities also apply to children's homes, except that the
10 written statement referred to in section 7904-A, subsection 1
need not be furnished annually by the Commissioner of Public
12 Safety to the department ~~when a children's home serves only one
or 2 children for a facility licensed as a family foster home or
a specialized children's home. In these instances an inspection
14 must be performed every 2 years.~~

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SUMMARY

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20 This bill changes the fire inspection period to be every 2
years for those places licensed as family foster homes and
22 specialized children's homes. It brings the licensing and fire
inspection requirements in line with each other and will ensure
that all licensing requirements are addressed in a timely and
24 coordinated manner.