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An Act To Protect Consumers from Unfair Cancellation of Property Insurance Coverage

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MOORE of Standish. Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: BROWN of South Berwick, JACOBSEN of Waterboro, MAREAN of Hollis, PATRICK of Rumford.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 2 Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §3048, sub-§1. as enacted by PL 1973, c. 4 239, is amended to read: 6 1. Loss of or damage to real property which that is used solely for residential purposes and which that consists of not more than 4 apartments and-which-is-owner-occupied; 8 10 **SUMMARY** 12 This bill removes the restriction in the so-called Maine 14 Property Insurance Cancellation Control Act that insured property must be owner-occupied for the Act to apply to policies insuring against loss or damage to that property. The bill does not change 16 the Act's requirements that the insured property be used solely 18 for residential purposes and consist of not more than 4 apartments. The bill gives the protections of the Act to owners 20 of rental residential property, including the right to request a hearing before the Superintendent of Insurance when the insurer 22 has notified the insured that the policy will not be renewed. Under current law, owners of rental property are entitled to 24 request a hearing only if the policy is being cancelled before its term has been completed.