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L.D. 321

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 99, L.D. 321, Bill, "An Act Relating to Unlawful Housing Discrimination"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Review the Housing Discrimination Laws'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, a study to review the housing discrimination laws relating to recipients of public assistance should be convened as soon as possible to allow ample time to include interested parties, review the current law and make recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Maine Human Rights Commission to convene study. Resolved: That the Maine Human Rights Commission shall convene a study group of interested parties to review the housing

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2 discrimination laws as they protect recipients of public
assistance and shall report its findings and recommendations to
4 the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.

6 **1. Participants.** The Maine Human Rights Commission shall
invite the following to participate in the study:

8 A. The Maine Apartment Owners and Managers Association;

10 B. The Maine State Housing Authority;

12 C. Pine Tree Legal Assistance and Maine Equal Justice
Partners;

14 D. Representatives of real estate brokers and real estate
16 sellers;

18 E. Persons who make loans or provide financial assistance
in the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, repair or
20 maintenance of housing accommodations; and

22 F. Any other individuals or organizations the Maine Human
Rights Commission determines may be helpful in reviewing the
24 laws and making findings and recommendations.

26 **2. Report.** The Maine Human Rights Commission shall submit
a report, including any recommended legislation, to the Joint
28 Standing Committee on Judiciary by January 31, 2006.

30 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing
the Maine Human Rights Commission to convene a study group to
38 review the housing discrimination laws as they protect recipients
of public assistance. The commission shall invite participation
40 of interested persons affected by the laws. The commission shall
submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary by
42 January 31, 2006. Any legislative recommendations must be
included in the report.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A'*

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs resulting from this legislation will be absorbed by the Maine Human Rights Commission utilizing existing budgeted resources.