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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 751, L.D. 1098, "Resolve, To Establish Energy Standards for Residential Rental Properties"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Examination of energy standards for residential rental properties. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission and the Maine State Housing Authority shall coordinate discussions among interested stakeholders concerning the energy efficiency of and appropriate efficiency standards for rental properties.

Sec. 2. Development of disclosure requirements. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission and the Maine State Housing Authority, in consultation with appropriate persons or agencies with relevant expertise, shall develop a disclosure form by which landlords inform prospective renters whether rental units meet mandatory or model state energy efficiency codes or standards and of the renters' ability under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, chapter 710-C to discover the units' previous energy consumption and utility costs.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission and the Maine State Housing Authority, no later than January 31, 2006, shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy the results of and any recommendations produced by the stakeholder discussions coordinated in accordance with section 1 and the form developed pursuant to section 2. The report must include suggested legislation to implement any recommendations of the commission resulting from its activities pursuant to this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 4. Authority to report legislation. Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy may report out legislation relating to the subject matter of this resolve to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the resolve. The amendment directs the Public Utilities Commission and the Maine State Housing Authority to coordinate discussions among interested stakeholders concerning the energy efficiency of and appropriate efficiency standards for rental properties. It also directs the Public Utilities Commission and the Maine State Housing Authority to develop a disclosure form by which landlords inform prospective renters whether the rental units meet mandatory or model state energy efficiency codes or standards and of the renters' ability under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, chapter 710-C to discover the units' previous energy consumption and utility costs. The Public Utilities Commission and the Maine State Housing Authority are required to submit a report on these activities no later than January 31, 2006. The Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy is authorized to report out legislation relating to the subject matter of the resolve to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 05/19/05 *MAC*

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Resolve, To Establish Energy Standards for Residential Rental Properties

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Minor cost increase - Other Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Maine State Housing Authority and the Public Utilities Commission to coordinate the required discussions and develop the required disclosure form can be absorbed within each agency's existing budgeted resources.