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House of Representatives, January 3, 2006

An Act To Facilitate Inspections of Heating Appliances and Chimneys

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 28, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative THOMAS of Ripley.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §171 is enacted to read:**

6 **§171. Inspections by municipal fire departments**

8 A municipal fire department, volunteer fire association or
10 fire ward that inspects a chimney or wood stove or any other
12 heating device or appliance may not be held liable for any claim
arising from death or injury to a person or damage to property
that may result if any alterations are made to any inspected item
or installation after the inspection occurs.

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16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill provides immunity to a municipal fire department,
20 volunteer fire association or fire ward that inspects a chimney
22 or wood stove or any other heating device or appliance if
alterations are made after the inspection has taken place.