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House of Representatives, March 24, 2011

**An Act To Extend Fire Code Rules to Single-family Dwellings Used
as Nursing Homes for 3 or Fewer Patients**

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered
printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARKE of Bath.
Cosponsored by Representative: DAMON of Bangor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2452, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 632, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 The Commissioner of Public Safety shall adopt and may amend rules governing the
5 safety to life from fire in or around all buildings or other structures and mass outdoor
6 gatherings, as defined in Title 22, section 1601, subsection 2, within the commissioner's
7 jurisdiction. ~~These rules do not apply to nursing homes having 3 or fewer patients.~~
8 Automatic sprinkler systems may not be required in existing noncommercial places of
9 assembly. Noncommercial places of assembly include those facilities used for such
10 purposes as deliberation, worship, entertainment, amusement or awaiting transportation
11 that have a capacity of 100 to 300 persons. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are
12 routine technical rules, except that rules pertaining to fire sprinklers are major substantive
13 rules, both of which are defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 Current law provides that certain fire code rules adopted by the Commissioner of
16 Public Safety do not apply to nursing homes having 3 or fewer patients. This bill
17 removes that limitation, therefore extending application of those rules to nursing homes
18 with 3 or fewer patients.