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L.D. 1536
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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1128, L.D. 1536, Bill, "An Act To Protect Heating Oil Consumers"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct Meetings To Review the Issue of Compliance with the Laws Governing Guaranteed Price Home Heating Oil, Kerosene and Liquefied Petroleum Gas Contracts'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to review options for reporting compliance with the laws governing guaranteed price home heating oil, kerosene and liquefied petroleum gas contracts. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall convene a working group with interested parties to determine what information could be included in a report from dealers of home heating oil, kerosene and liquefied petroleum gas to the State that would demonstrate their compliance with the current law that requires dealers to secure their prepaid guaranteed price home heating oil, kerosene and liquefied petroleum gas contracts, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 1110, and to develop recommendations to improve the State's ability to ensure compliance with that law and with new reporting requirements that do not place any undue burden on the businesses involved; and be it further

Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved: That, no later than January 15, 2012, the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall submit a report of the findings and recommendations of the working group convened under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development. That committee is authorized to introduce a bill on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to convene a working group with interested parties to determine what information could be required of dealers of home heating oil, kerosene and liquefied petroleum gas that would demonstrate compliance with the law requiring security for prepaid guaranteed price contracts, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 1110, and to develop recommendations to improve the State's ability to ensure compliance with that law. It also requires the commissioner to submit a report of the findings and recommendations of the working group no later than January 15, 2012 to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development and authorizes that committee to introduce a bill on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1536

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An Act To Protect Heating Oil Consumers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to convene a working group to conduct the required review and submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.