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Majority

L.D. 1337

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8 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 988, L.D. 1337, "An Act To Increase
10 Affordable Housing and Reduce Property Taxes through an Impact Fee on Vacant
11 Residences"

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

13 '**An Act To Increase Housing Availability and Improve Affordability through a
14 Vacancy Impact Fee**'

15 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the
16 following:

17 '**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4354-A is enacted to read:**

18 **§4354-A. Residential vacancy impact fee**

19 **1. Municipal authority.** A municipality may enact an ordinance imposing a fee on
20 vacant residential property.

21 **2. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
22 following terms have the following meanings.

23 **A. "Permanent resident"** has the same meaning as in Title 36, section 681, subsection
24 4.

25 **B. "Residential property"** means a structure or portion of a structure that is designed
26 for year-round habitation.

27 **C. "Vacant residential property"** means residential property that is not occupied by a
28 permanent resident.

29 **3. Use of fee revenue.** The fees collected by a municipality pursuant to this section
30 must be used to increase the availability or improve the affordability of residential property
31 within the municipality.'

32 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
33 number to read consecutively.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill. It authorizes a municipality to adopt an ordinance imposing a fee on residential property that is not occupied by a permanent resident and requires a municipality enacting such an ordinance to use the fees collected to increase the availability or improve the affordability of year-round residential property within the municipality.