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House of Representatives, February 12, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Gowell of Berwick.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Fire Hazards in Trailer Camps and Motels.**

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

**R. S., c. 85, § 54-A, additional.** Chapter 85 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 54-A, to read as follows :

**‘Sec. 54-A. Motels and trailer camps to have safe approaches. Motels and trailer camps are hereby required to have safe and convenient ways of ingress and egress to their locations, in order to facilitate the use of fire fighting equipment. When motels and trailers utilize bottled liquefied gas and other inflammable liquids, such containers shall be so situated and so enclosed as to minimize the fire hazard. The insurance commissioner shall enforce the provisions of this section, and is hereby authorized and directed to promulgate and enforce rules and regulations to carry out the provisions hereof; and the rules and regulations so promulgated, when approved by the governor and council, with or without public hearing as the governor and council may determine, and filed with the secretary of state, shall have the force of law, insofar as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section. Any person dissatisfied with the application of any rule may ask for and shall receive a hearing before the commissioner. At such hearing, findings of fact made by the commissioner shall be final.**

Any person aggrieved by the commissioner's rulings in matters of law may appeal therefrom by addressing a petition to a justice of the superior court or the supreme judicial court, in term time or vacation, setting forth the reasons of appeal. The justice shall set a time and place for hearing and give the commissioner notice thereof, as in equity. After such hearing, the said justice may affirm, modify or reverse the order of the commissioner, and shall remand the case to the commissioner for execution in accordance with the court decree.'