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Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study and Recommend Incentives for Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems

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Presented by Representative BAILEY of Gorham. Cosponsored by Representative: WARREN of Hallowell.

- **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission To Study and Recommend Incentives for Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.
- **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 16 members appointed as follows:
 - 1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

- 2. Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 3. One member recommended by the State Fire Marshal, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 4. Two members of a statewide association of professional firefighters, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 5. One member of a statewide association of builders and contractors, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 6. One member of a statewide association of real estate agents, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 7. Two members of a statewide association of insurance agents, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 8. One member of a statewide association of fire sprinkler contractors, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 9. One member of the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- 10. One member of a statewide association of water districts, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named member from the Senate and the first-named member from the House of Representatives shall serve as cochairs of the commission.
- **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission; number of meetings. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the commission to meet and conduct its business. The commission may not meet more than 6 times.
- **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study whether it is feasible and desirable to provide incentives for developers, builders and home buyers to install residential sprinklers and, if so, what form should the incentives take, who shall deliver the incentives and how should the incentives be advertised and delivered.

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 1, 2021, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety may submit legislation based upon the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

9 SUMMARY

This resolve creates the Commission To Study and Recommend Incentives for Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems. The commission has 16 members. The commission is required to submit its report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety no later than December 1, 2021.