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PROPOSED COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
Re. Kessler

Committee amendment “ “ to LD 1337, An Act To Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Property Taxes through an Impact Fee on Vacant Residences

NEW TITLE: An Act To Increase Housing Availability and Improve Affordability through a Vacancy Impact Fee

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4354-A, is enacted to read:

§4354-A. Residential Vacancy Impact Fee

A municipality may enact an ordinance imposing a fee on vacant residential property as those terms are defined below.

1. **Residential property.** “Residential property” means a structure or portion of a structure located in the municipality that is designed for year-round habitation;

2. **Permanent resident.** "Permanent resident" has the same meaning as in [36 MRSA, section 681, subsection 4.](#)

3. **Vacant.** “Vacant” means the residential property is not occupied by a permanent resident.

The fees collected by a municipality pursuant to this section must be used to increase the availability or improve the affordability of year-round residential property within the municipality.

Summary

This amendment replaces the bill and authorizes municipalities to adopt ordinances imposing a fee on vacant residential property 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.