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**Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Adequacy of  
Housing Safety Laws**

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Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston and  
Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: BROOKS  
of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, FREY of Bangor, HANDY of Lewiston, MOONEN of  
Portland, SCHNECK of Bangor.

1           **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule  
2 353, the Commission To Study the Adequacy of Housing Safety Laws, referred to in this  
3 resolve as "the commission," is established; and be it further

4           **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of  
5 10 members appointed as follows:

- 6           1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 7           2. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the  
8 House;
- 9           3. The State Fire Marshal or the State Fire Marshal's designee;
- 10          4. One municipal chief of police from a municipality whose population is greater  
11 than 20,000, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 12          5. One municipal fire chief from a municipality whose population is greater than  
13 20,000, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 14          6. One municipal code enforcement officer from a municipality whose population is  
15 greater than 20,000, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 16          7. A member of the public who owns multiple multifamily residential buildings,  
17 appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- 18          8. An attorney licensed in this State with familiarity in housing safety policy and  
19 law, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and be it further

20           **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate  
21 chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the  
22 commission; and be it further

23           **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all  
24 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this  
25 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative  
26 Council once all appointments have been completed. If 30 days or more after the  
27 effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the  
28 chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the  
29 commission to meet and conduct its business; and be it further

30           **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall meet 4 times to study the  
31 housing safety laws, including landlord and tenant relations and rights, the eviction  
32 process, bank foreclosure actions on abandoned property and rental housing fire safety  
33 issues, and make recommendations for necessary changes; and be it further

34           **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide  
35 necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further

