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127TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 726, L.D. 1057, Bill, “An Act To Increase the Safety of Amusement Rides”

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

**'Resolve, To Review and Report Recommendations on the Safety of Motorized Farm Rides Provided for a Fee to the Public'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Review. Resolved:** That the State Fire Marshal, or the State Fire Marshal's designee, and the Chief of the Maine State Police, or the chief's designee, shall work together as cochairs to convene a broadly representative group of stakeholders to review methods of ensuring the safety of the public on motorized hayrides, pumpkin rides and other farm rides that are offered for a fee to the public on farms and rural land. The stakeholder group shall review requirements applicable to motorized vehicles that pull rides, trailers and wagons on which the public sits or stands. The stakeholder group shall review the requirements in effect in the State of Rhode Island, the status of proposed standards for hayrides developed by the American Society for Testing and Materials and the laws of this State that apply to motor vehicles; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Maine State Police shall prepare a report and submit it to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by February 1, 2016. The report must contain a description of the work undertaken by the stakeholder group and any findings and recommendations agreed upon by the stakeholders. Following review of the report the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may each separately submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.'

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The resolve directs the State Fire Marshal and the Chief of the Maine State Police to work together as cochairs to convene a broadly representative group of stakeholders to review methods of ensuring the safety of the public on motorized hayrides, pumpkin rides and other farm rides that are offered for a fee to the public on farms and rural land. The resolve requires the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Maine State Police to prepare a report and submit it to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by February 1, 2016. Following review of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation are authorized to separately submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**