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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 988, L.D. 1337, “An Act To Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Property Taxes through an Impact Fee on Vacant Residences”

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

'An Act To Increase Housing Availability and Improve Affordability through a Vacancy Impact Fee'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

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

§4354-A. Residential vacancy impact fee

1. Municipal authority. A municipality may enact an ordinance imposing a fee on vacant residential property.

2. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Permanent resident" has the same meaning as in Title 36, section 681, subsection 4.

B. "Residential property" means a structure or portion of a structure that is designed for year-round habitation.

C. "Vacant residential property" means residential property that is not occupied by a permanent resident.

3. Use of fee revenue. The fees collected by a municipality pursuant to this section must be used to increase the availability or improve the affordability of residential property within the municipality.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It authorizes a municipality to adopt an ordinance imposing a fee on residential property that is not occupied by a permanent resident 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.