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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 301, L.D. 375, Bill, “An Act To Exempt Boilers in Municipalities and Schoolhouses from State Inspection Requirements”

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

'Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Convene a Working Group To Review the Laws and Rules Governing Boilers'

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

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the laws and rules governing the periodic inspections of boilers are critical to protecting Maine citizens from the danger of boilers failing and exploding; and

Whereas, the lack of uniformity in the State's regulation and inspection of boilers within public places should be reviewed to determine how to improve safety standards and the overall process for inspection of boilers throughout the State; and

Whereas, this resolve requires that a working group be convened in time for a report to be submitted to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to convene a working group to review the laws and rules governing boilers.

Resolved: That the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall convene a working group with the Board of Boilers and Pressure Vessels as well as other interested parties to review the current lack of uniformity in the laws and rules governing boilers, to develop recommendations to resolve conflicts and improve the regulation of

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1 boilers and to consider options for expanding inspections of boilers located in public
2 places; and be it further

3 **Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved:** That no later than January 15,
4 2012 the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall submit a report of
5 the findings and recommendations of the working group under section 1 to the Joint
6 Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development. That
7 committee is authorized to introduce a bill on the subject matter of the report to the
8 Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

9 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
10 legislation takes effect when approved.'

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment replaces the bill with an emergency resolve directing the
13 Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to convene a working group with
14 the Board of Boilers and Pressure Vessels as well as other interested parties to review the
15 current lack of uniformity in the laws and rules governing boilers and to consider options
16 for expanding inspections of boilers located in public places. The amendment requires
17 the commissioner to submit a report no later than January 15, 2012 of the findings and
18 recommendations of the working group to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor,
19 Commerce, Research and Economic Development. It authorizes the Joint Standing
20 Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development to introduce a
21 bill on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 125th
22 Legislature.