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House of Representatives, March 14, 2017

An Act Regarding Housing Insecurity of Older Citizens

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	CONCEPT DRAFT
3	SUMMARY
4	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.
5 6 7	This bill proposes to establish a statewide commission to study housing insecurity in the context of aging in place. The commission created under this bill would be tasked with exploring:
8	1. The long-term implications associated with the State's aging population;
9	2. The status of available affordable housing options in the State;
10 11	3. The availability of weatherization and repair programs that would allow older individuals to remain in their homes;
12 13	4. Various models of affordable and appropriate housing opportunities for older citizens that are in place in other states; and
14 15 16	5. The establishment of a statewide program facilitating the building for older persons of small accessory dwelling units that are located on the same grounds as, or attached to, a primary residence belonging to a family member of the older person.