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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY CHANCE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to fire code requirements of  
6 group homes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature has provided for the licensure  
9 of group homes for children by the Department of Health and Social Services  
10 under AS 47.35.010, and has under AS 47.35.080 defined group homes to mean  
11 establishments providing care and services for 10 or fewer children; and

12 WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the public that group homes  
13 be uniformly and sufficiently regulated so as to protect the health and  
14 welfare of the occupant-children, but also be regulated in such a manner  
15 that does not discourage or preclude the establishment and operation of  
16 group homes; and

17 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has required under AS 47.35.080 the  
18 division of public safety to establish, by regulation, fire and life safety  
19 standards for certain public and residential buildings; and

20 WHEREAS the division has promulgated such regulations so as to require  
21 under 13 AAC 50.010 - 13 ACC 50.080 that homes accommodating more than five  
22 children (Group D occupancies) meet institution level requirements which  
23 are so stringent as to be financially unfeasible for group homes; and that  
24 homes accommodating five or less children (Group I occupancies) meet  
25 dwelling requirements which are so lenient as to be inadequate for the  
26 protection of children in group homes;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
28 the Governor to direct the division of public safety to adopt a fire code  
29 regulation for group homes the standards of which will be more stringent

1 than those for private dwellings and less stringent than those for  
2 institutions so that the fire protection required is both adequate and  
3 financially feasible. However, the standards adopted shall not be less  
4 stringent than local building codes.

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