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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Relating to fire code requirements of group homes.

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

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature has provided for the licensure of group homes for children by the Department of Health and Social Services under AS 47.35.010, and has under AS 47.35.-080 defined group homes to mean establishments providing care and services for 10 or fewer children; and

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct the division of public safety to adopt a fire code regulation for group homes the

standards of which will be more stringent than those for private dwellings and where deemed appropriate less stringent than those for institutions so that the fire protection required is both adequate and financially feasible. However, the standards adopted shall not be less stringent than local building codes.