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Encouraging the voluntary installation of fire sprinkler systems in residences.

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

**WHEREAS** statistics show that the state suffers many fatalities along with millions of dollars of property loss because of residential structure fires, with the statistics climbing each year; and

**WHEREAS** national studies by the United States Fire Administration indicate that the installation of residential fire sprinkler systems could have saved thousands of lives, prevented injuries, and eliminated hundreds of millions of dollars in property losses; and

**WHEREAS** establishing a program to encourage voluntary installation of residential fire sprinkler systems is likely to reduce the incidence of fire and should be reflected in insurance rates for residences where fire sprinkler systems are installed; and

**WHEREAS** the state fire marshal plans to establish a model program to recognize that installing residential fire sprinkler systems reduces fire hazard and to rate residences based on sprinkler system coverage using platinum, gold, and silver stars to recognize various levels of sprinkler coverage; and

**WHEREAS** installing fire sprinkler systems covering identified residential ignition

sources will reduce the incidence of residential fires in rural and suburban areas of the state; and

**WHEREAS** a plumber can install sprinkler systems covering identified ignition sources and can verify the existence of residential fire sprinkler systems to the state fire marshal; and

**WHEREAS** the installation of residential fire sprinkler systems will help reduce the burden on local fire departments and local fire service areas; and

**WHEREAS** the installation of residential fire sprinkler systems will provide added protection for the state's most vulnerable residents: children, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the state fire marshal to formalize the model residential fire sprinkler system program as a voluntary statewide program; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the insurance industry to recognize the benefits of increased fire protection by lowering insurance rates based on the statewide residential safety star program implemented by the state fire marshal; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the division of insurance to recognize incentives for homeowners that encourage the voluntary installation of residential fire sprinkler systems to help reduce the incidence of residential fires in the state; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, working with the state fire marshal and other groups, to train and certify plumbers and others to install or certify residential fire sprinkler systems.