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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE
6 ~~DEPARTMENTS--OF--NATURAL--RESOURCES--AND--JUSTICE--TO--MAKE~~
7 COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES TO ASSIGN A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF
8 MONTANA'S FIRE PROTECTION LAWS.

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10 WHEREAS, Montana is faced with a rapidly growing and
11 complex land and structural fire protection problem, and

12 WHEREAS, the problem consists of a myriad of specific
13 fire situations, including city structural fire protection,
14 scattered rural structural fire protection, grassland and
15 agricultural fires, and fires involving the forests and
16 related structures within and adjacent to the forests, and

17 WHEREAS, a patch work of overlapping, complex, and
18 obsolete laws and regulations has emerged, creating
19 confusion to landowners and the various fire protection
20 agencies, and resulting in duplication of services and
21 expenses, and

22 ~~WHEREAS,--the--Department--of--Natural--Resources--and--the~~
23 ~~Department--of--Justice--are--state--agencies--with--the--capability~~
24 ~~to--carry--out--this--resolution.~~

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
2 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

3 ~~(1)--That--the--Department--of--Natural--Resources,--Division~~
4 ~~of--Forestry,--look--at--the--adequacy--of--state--statutes--and~~
5 ~~regulations--concerning--wildland--fires--on--forest,--brush,--crop~~
6 ~~and--grass--covered--lands.~~

7 ~~(2)--That--the--Department--of--Justice,--State--Fire~~
8 ~~Marshal's--Bureau,--revise--and--update~~ RECOMMEND REVISIONS OF
9 ~~state--laws--concerning--structural--fire--protection.~~

10 ~~(3)--That--the--Department--of--Justice--and--the--Department~~
11 ~~of--Natural--Resources--jointly--look--at--the--adequacy--of--state~~
12 ~~statutes--dealing--with--rural--fire--districts--and--volunteer~~
13 ~~fire--companies.~~

14 ~~(4)--That--the--Departments--of--Justice--and--Natural~~
15 ~~Resources--coordinate--their--efforts--and--report--jointly--to--the~~
16 ~~1977--legislature--recommendations--necessary--to--effect--a~~
17 ~~complimentary--system--of--structural--and--wildland--fire~~
18 ~~protection--for--the--state--of--Montana.~~

19 (1) THAT THE COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES BE REQUESTED TO
20 ASSIGN A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF MONTANA'S FIRE PROTECTION
21 LAWS.

22 ~~(5)~~ (2) That copies of this resolution be sent to the
23 Departments of Natural Resources and Justice.

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