

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

IN THE HOUSE

January 18, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
January 25, 1979	Committee recommend bill, do not pass.
January 26, 1979	Report adopted. Objection.
January 27, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
January 29, 1979	Second reading, do not pass.  On motion, taken from second reading and referred to Committee on State Administration.
February 9, 1979	Committee recommend bill, do not pass.
February 12, 1979	Report adopted.

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 2 INTRODUCED BY Fraser McKeally Devin K. Kahlman  
 3 Cooney Vincent Hamington

4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DIRECTING THE  
 6 ADOPTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION OF RULES FOR  
 7 INCLUSION IN THE STATE BUILDING CODE TO AFFORD SECURITY  
 8 PROTECTION TO SENIOR CITIZENS.

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 10 WHEREAS, the older citizens of Montana have contributed  
 11 greatly to the state of Montana and to their local  
 12 communities; and

13 WHEREAS, after years of work an individual should be  
 14 entitled to live in peace and security; and

15 WHEREAS, a senior citizen of Montana can fall victim to  
 16 thieves and other criminals in the senior citizen's own  
 17 residence when that residence does not have adequate  
 18 security protection; and

19 WHEREAS, the department of administration is charged by  
 20 law with the promulgation by rule of a state building code;  
 21 and

22 WHEREAS, the law provides that one purpose of the state  
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 24 the use of modern technical methods, devices, and  
 25 improvements which tend to reduce the cost of construction

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 2 safety of the occupants or users of buildings.

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

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 7 adopt, as part of the state building code, rules designed to  
 8 provide for the security of senior citizens in those  
 9 buildings designed primarily for occupation by senior  
 10 citizens and those buildings actually occupied primarily by  
 11 senior citizens.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rules shall be based  
 13 on security standards as drafted by a recognized standards  
 14 body, incorporate provisions dealing with "peepholes", and  
 15 offer security with respect to individual dwelling units as  
 16 well as exterior entrances.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rules shall be  
 18 mandatory for new construction and repairs to existing  
 19 construction unless the owner/occupant is a senior citizen.

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 INTRODUCED BILL

State Administration

Objection Raised to  
Adverse Committee Report

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