

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the Anderson Guest House Residential Care Facility fire on November 27, 2006, in which eleven deaths occurred, Governor Matt Blunt directed the Department of Health and Senior Services and the Department of Mental Health to review their respective fire safety regulations for residential care facilities; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the review was to identify strategies and recommendations for enhancing current requirements to ensure the safety of residents; and

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2006, the departments issued a final joint report with recommendations on fire safety requirements; and

WHEREAS, the report issued eleven recommendations for improving fire safety including seven recommendations that could be implemented administratively by the departments either internally or through the rule-making process:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, urge the Department of Health and Senior Services and Department of Mental Health to implement the recommendations issued by the departments and deemed possible through the administrative and rule-making process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution to the Governor and to the directors of the Department of Health and Senior Services and Department of Mental Health.

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