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# H. RES. 73

Providing the Sergeant-at-Arms with the authority to fine Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner for failure to complete security screening for entrance to the House Chamber, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Mr. MCGOVERN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. IMPOSITION OF FINES FOR FAILURE TO COM-**  
3                   **plete security screening for en-**  
4                   **trance to House Chamber.**

5           (a) IMPOSITION BY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.—(1) The  
6 Sergeant-at-Arms is authorized and directed to impose a  
7 fine against a Member, Delegate, or the Resident Commis-

1 sioner for failure to complete security screening for en-  
2 trance to the House Chamber.

3 (2) A fine imposed pursuant to this resolution shall  
4 be \$5,000 for a first offense and \$10,000 for any subse-  
5 quent offense.

6 (3) The Sergeant-at-Arms shall promptly notify in  
7 writing the Member, Delegate, or the Resident Commis-  
8 sioner, the Speaker, the Committee on Ethics, and the  
9 Chief Administrative Officer of any fine under this sub-  
10 section. Such notification shall include findings detailing  
11 the violation and shall also be made publicly available by  
12 the chair of the Committee on Ethics.

13 (b) APPEAL TO COMMITTEE ON ETHICS.—(1) The  
14 Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner may appeal  
15 the fine imposed under subsection (a) in writing to the  
16 Committee on Ethics not later than 30 calendar days or  
17 five legislative days, whichever is later, after notification  
18 pursuant to subsection (a)(3). Such appeal shall include  
19 a response to the findings issued by the Sergeant-at-Arms  
20 pursuant to such paragraph.

21 (2) Upon receipt of an appeal pursuant to paragraph  
22 (1), the Committee on Ethics shall have a period of 30  
23 calendar days or five legislative days, whichever is later,  
24 to consider the appeal. The fine will be upheld unless the  
25 appeal is agreed to by a majority of the Committee. Upon

1 a determination regarding the appeal or if no appeal has  
2 been filed at the expiration of the period specified in para-  
3 graph (1), the chair of the Committee on Ethics shall  
4 promptly notify the Member, Delegate, or the Resident  
5 Commissioner, the Speaker, the Sergeant-at-Arms, and  
6 the Chief Administrative Officer, and shall make such no-  
7 tification publicly available. The Speaker shall promptly  
8 lay such notification before the House.

9 (3) If a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner  
10 files an appeal under paragraph (1) prior to the date on  
11 which the Committee on Ethics has adopted written rules,  
12 the period for the Committee's consideration of the appeal  
13 under paragraph (2) shall begin on the date on which the  
14 chair of the Committee notifies the Member, Delegate, or  
15 Resident Commissioner that the Committee has adopted  
16 such rules.

17 (c) DEDUCTING FINE FROM PAY.—(1) If a Member,  
18 Delegate, or Resident Commissioner against whom a fine  
19 is imposed by the Sergeant-at-Arms under subsection (a)  
20 has not paid the fine prior to the expiration of the 90-  
21 calendar day period which begins on the date described  
22 in paragraph (2), the Chief Administrative Officer shall  
23 deduct the amount of the fine from the net salary other-  
24 wise due the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-  
25 sioner, in accordance with timetables and procedures es-

1 tablished by the Committee on House Administration for  
2 purposes of carrying out this subsection.

3 (2) The date described in this paragraph is, with re-  
4 spect to a fine imposed on a Member, Delegate, or Resi-  
5 dent Commissioner—

6 (A) the date of the determination of the Com-  
7 mittee on Ethics under subsection (b)(2); or

8 (B) if the Member, Delegate, or Resident Com-  
9 missioner does not file an appeal with the Com-  
10 mittee on Ethics prior to the expiration of the period  
11 specified in subsection (b)(1), the first day after the  
12 expiration of such period.

13 (d) PROHIBITING USE OF CAMPAIGN OR OFFICIAL  
14 FUNDS TO PAY FINES.—A Member, Delegate, or Resi-  
15 dent Commissioner may not use campaign funds or official  
16 funds, including amounts in the Members' Representa-  
17 tional Allowance, to pay a fine imposed under this resolu-  
18 tion.

19 (e) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.—The Sergeant-at-  
20 Arms, Committee on Ethics, Committee on House Admin-  
21 istration, and Chief Administrative Officer are authorized  
22 to establish policies and procedures for the implementation  
23 of this resolution.

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