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An Act To Update the Laws Governing Energy Efficiency Building Performance Standards

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative HOBBS of Saco.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1412**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 370, §1, is repealed.

3 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1413, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 151, §2, is
4 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

5 **1-A. ASHRAE standards.** "ASHRAE standards" means ASHRAE Standard 62.1-
6 2007, Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality, ASHRAE Standard 62.2-2007,
7 Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Low-Rise Residential Buildings, and
8 ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2007, Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise
9 Residential Buildings, and the subsequent standards for building ventilation and energy
10 conservation adopted by ASHRAE.

11 **Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1413, sub-§1-B**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 151, §2, is
12 repealed.

13 **Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §1413, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 503, §2, is repealed.

14 **Sec. 5. 10 MRSA §1413, sub-§9-A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 818, §1, is
15 repealed.

16 **Sec. 6. 10 MRSA §1413, sub-§12**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 350, §3, is
17 repealed.

18 **Sec. 7. 10 MRSA §1413, sub-§14**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 503, §2, is repealed.

19 **Sec. 8. 10 MRSA §1413, sub-§16**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 350, §4, is
20 repealed.

21 **Sec. 9. 10 MRSA §1414-A**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 350, §5, is repealed.

22 **Sec. 10. 10 MRSA §1415-E**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 350, §10, is repealed.

23 **Sec. 11. 10 MRSA §1415-G, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 350, §11, is
24 further amended to read:

25 **4. Performance-based compliance.** The commission may waive the requirements
26 of subsection 3 for any building if the commission determines that the building's
27 calculated annual energy consumption is not greater than the annual energy consumption
28 of a similar building constructed in accordance with subsection 3.

29 ~~The commission may adopt rules that establish a performance-based compliance~~
30 ~~procedure for residential buildings. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine~~
31 ~~technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.~~

32 **Sec. 12. 10 MRSA §1415-I**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 350, §13, is repealed.

33 **Sec. 13. 10 MRSA §9721, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 261, Pt. A, §5, is
34 amended to read:

