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In Senate, April 11, 2019

An Act To Amend the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: LAWRENCE of York, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives:
BERRY of Bowdoinham, SYLVESTER of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶M**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 126, §2, is
3 further amended to read:

4 M. Adopt, amend and maintain the Maine Uniform Building Code and the Maine
5 Uniform Energy Code; ~~and~~

6 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶N**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 126, §3, is
7 amended to read:

8 N. In the adoption and amendment of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code,
9 ensure that buildings used to house livestock or harvested crops are not subject to the
10 code; and

11 **Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶O** is enacted to read:

12 O. No later than July 1, 2020, adopt, amend and maintain an appendix to the Maine
13 Uniform Building and Energy Code that contains energy conservation and efficiency
14 requirements that are based on established national voluntary efficiency standards
15 that exceed the energy code requirements established in the Maine Uniform Building
16 and Energy Code. The appendix must be made available for voluntary adoption by
17 any municipality. The board must maintain a list of municipalities that have
18 voluntarily adopted the appendix to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code on
19 its publicly accessible website.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill amends provisions regarding the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code
22 by requiring the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board to adopt and maintain an
23 appendix to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code that contains energy
24 conservation and efficiency requirements that exceed the requirements in the code, to
25 make the appendix available for voluntary adoption by municipalities and to maintain a
26 list of those municipalities on the board's publicly accessible website.