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H.P. 371

House of Representatives, February 25, 2025

**An Act to Ensure That the Exemption of Certain Agricultural Buildings from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Includes Maple Sugarhouses**

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Received by the Clerk of the House on February 20, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative COOPER of Windham.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and  
Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, CIMINO of Bridgton, COLLINS of Sidney,  
CRAY of Palmyra, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, JACKSON of Oxford,  
OLSEN of Raymond.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶B-1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 527, §1, is  
3 further amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

4 (3) That building materials from local sawmills, including but not limited to  
5 nongraded lumber, are permissible under the Maine Uniform Building and Energy  
6 Code; ~~and~~

7 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶B-1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 527, §1, is  
8 further amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

9 (4) That buildings used to house livestock, store harvested crops or cultivate crops  
10 are not subject to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. The exemption  
11 in this subparagraph does not include the cultivation of cannabis regulated under  
12 Title 22 or 28-B; and

13 **Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶B-1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 527, §1, is  
14 further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (5) to read:

15 (5) That buildings used primarily to process or store maple sap or syrup are not  
16 subject to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code;

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill exempts buildings used primarily to process or store maple sap or syrup from  
19 the provisions of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.