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House of Representatives, February 25, 2025

An Act to Increase Preparedness for Solar Power Adoption in Maine

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SKOLD of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and
Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GRAMLICH of Old
Orchard Beach, SAYRE of Kennebunk, WARREN of Scarborough, WEBB of Durham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 391, §4, is further
3 amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

4 (4) International Energy Conservation Code published by the International Code
5 Council, including Appendix CB of the 2021 edition of the code for the
6 construction of new commercial buildings as defined by the board;

7 **Sec. 2. Rule exceptions.** In adopting rules to define "new commercial buildings" in
8 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 9722, subsection 6, paragraph B,
9 subparagraph (4), the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board shall exclude
10 commercial buildings that have received all necessary permits and approvals before July 1,
11 2026 and any buildings that receive funding from the Maine State Housing Authority.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board to ensure that the
14 Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code includes standards for the construction of new
15 commercial buildings contained in Appendix CB of the 2021 edition of the International
16 Energy Conservation Code published by the International Code Council. It requires the
17 board to define "new commercial buildings" to exclude buildings that have received all
18 necessary permits and approvals before July 1, 2026 and any buildings that receive funding
19 from the Maine State Housing Authority.