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No. 1407

H.P. 929

House of Representatives, April 1, 2025

**An Act to Direct the Board of Occupational Safety and Health to  
Develop Indoor Air Quality Standards for Buildings in the State in  
Which Public Sector Workers Work**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

*Robert B. Hunt*

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MONTELL of Gardiner.  
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and  
Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GRAMLICH of  
Old Orchard Beach, MACIAS of Topsham, ROEDER of Bangor, SHAGOURY of Hallowell,  
SKOLD of Portland, Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot.

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §565-A, sub-§2 is enacted to read:**

**2. Indoor air quality standards.** The board shall develop indoor air quality standards for buildings in the State in which public sector workers work.

**Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §565-A, sub-§3 is enacted to read:**

**3. Rules.** The board shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of subsection 2. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 3. Board of Occupational Safety and Health to develop indoor air quality standards for public buildings in the State.** In creating the indoor air quality standards under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 565-A, subsection 2, the Department of Labor, Board of Occupational Safety and Health shall consider but is not limited to considering the following:

1. Carbon monoxide;
2. Nitrogen dioxide;
3. Indoor particulate matter;
4. Aerosolized particles;
5. Mold;
6. Volatile organic compounds;
7. Radon;
8. Lead;
9. Asbestos;
10. Pesticides;
11. Insecticides;
12. Formaldehyde; and
13. Excess humidity.

The board may consider the items listed in this section individually or create an indoor air quality index. A rule for an item in this section that involves aerosols must be at least as stringent as American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers Standard 241 (2023).

**Sec. 4. Rules to develop initial indoor air quality standards.** By February 15, 2026, the Department of Labor, Board of Occupational Safety and Health shall publish a notice of proposed rules under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8053, subsection 5 to carry out the provisions of Title 26, section 565-A, subsection 2.

## SUMMARY

This bill directs the Department of Labor, Board of Occupational Safety and Health to adopt routine technical rules creating indoor air quality standards for buildings in which

1 public sector workers work, including rules for aerosols that are at least as stringent as the  
2 American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers standard for  
3 the control of infectious aerosols.