

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 690

House of Representatives, March 9, 1977

Referred to Committee on Energy. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Davies of Orono.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Providing that a Lifetime Accounting of the Costs of Operating and Heating shall be made Before any Contract is Executed for the Construction or Major Alteration of a State Building.**

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

5 MRSA § 1743-C is enacted to read:

§ 1743-C. State building contract; feasibility study of energy sources

Before any contract is executed for the construction, major alteration or renovation of any state-owned building, the Bureau of Public Improvements, with the Department of Finance and Administration, shall have a lifetime accounting made of the estimated costs of operating the building, including the costs of heating and cooling, and a feasibility study made on the use of energy sources other than fossil fuels, for the heating and air conditioning of the proposed building. A copy of the feasibility study shall remain on file with the Property Records Division and shall be open to public inspection.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require that when any contract for construction, renovation or alteration of a state-owned building is executed, an accounting shall be made of the estimated lifetime costs of operating of the building, including heating and cooling, and a feasibility study shall be made on the possible use of alternative energy sources for heating and cooling. This would enable the State to adequately evaluate the feasibility of alternative energy sources and would provide an estimate of operating costs for the building.