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SENATE AMENDMENT " $_{\rm B}$ " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 522, L.D. 666, Bill, "AN ACT to Establish Energy Efficiency Building Performance Standards for the State of Maine."

Amend the Amendment in section 2 by inserting at the end of subsection 5 of that part designated "<u>§1413.</u>" the following underlined sentence:

'Areas heated with fireplace stoves and wood-burning radiant room heaters shall not be considered to be within the definition of conditioned floor area.'

Further amend the Amendment in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 12 of that part designated "<u>§1413.</u>" and inserting in its place the following:

'12. Nonresidential building. "Nonresidential building" means any building with a conditioned floor area in excess of 1,500 square feet, and which is not a residential building as defined in subsection 16.

Further amend the Amendment in section 2 by striking out all of the first underlined sentence of subsection 16 of that part designated "<u>§1413.</u>" and inserting in its place the following:

"Residentail building" means a structure designed and erected with between one and 10 dwelling units, which is not more than 3 stories in height and has more than 7,000 square feet of gross floor area.' Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" to H.P. 522, L.D. 666 -2-

Further amend the Amendment in section 2 by striking out all of paragraph B of subsection 2 of that part designated "§1415." and inserting in its place the following:

'B. A nonresidential building which is intended for only occasional use may be exempted from the standards of this chapter.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment reduces the number of buildings that would be required to comply with the energy efficiency standards. Nonresidential buildings with heated or airconditioned areas less than 1,500 square feet are exempted, as well as buildings heated with wood-burning space heaters. The amendment also clarifies the definition of multi-unit residential buildings. Finally, the exemption for seasonal use is broadened, so the Director of Energy Resources can exempt nonresidential buildings intended for any occasional use, such as churches and grange halls.

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