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SENATE AMENDMENT " C " 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 "§1413." 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 "§1413."
 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 "§1413." and inserting in its
 place the following:

'"Residential 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 ^{no} more than 7,000 square feet
 of gross floor area.'

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 air-conditioned 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 ~~g~~range halls.

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