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House of Representatives, March 5, 1980

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Huber of Falmouth

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT Adopting the Voluntary Energy Efficiency Building Performance Standards.

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA § 1415, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 503, § 2, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA § 1415-A is enacted to read:

§1415-A. Energy efficiency standards

1. Building standards. The director, in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, and with the approval of the advisory council, shall adopt energy performance building standards for buildings and such rules as are necessary for the administration of this chapter. The standards shall be consistent with the provisions of the State of Maine Energy Conservation Building Standards prepared by the commission and shall include envelope heat loss standards consistent with Chapter 4 of the ASHRAE 90 Standards. Any building which is offered for sale or lease and is advertised or promoted as meeting the performance standards in this section or any other energy standard in conformance with this section shall meet these standards. The standards shall include:

A. Lighting standards for all new and existing public buildings;

B. Heating, ventilating and air-conditioning equipment performance standards;

C. Service water-heating equipment performance standards; and

D. Building envelope heat loss standards.

2. Energy standards within building codes. The director may approve the use of energy standards contained in any building code which are consistent with the standards adopted pursuant to this chapter.

3. Manual of Accepted Practices. The director shall prepare the Manual for Accepted Practices, consisting of building procedures and building materials that are in conformance with this section. The Manual of Accepted Practices shall not apply to nonresidential buildings in excess of 10,000 square feet of conditioned floor area.

4. Fees. The director shall promulgate a schedule of filing fees to be used to defray the cost of administering this chapter. The fees charged shall not exceed the following.

A. The filing fee for the certification of a residential building shall not exceed \$25 per building.

B. The filing fee for certification of a nonresidential building shall not exceed \$50 per building.

5. Calculation of heat loss. Heat loss shall be calculated by methods provided in Chapter 43 of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Engineer's Handbook and Product Directory, 1976 Systems Volume. The director may approve alternate methods of heat loss calculations which are demonstrated to give equivalent results.

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA § 1416, sub-§ 1, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 503, § 2, is amended to read:

Prior to the construction, change of use or renovation of a building subject to this chapter, every person shall file a notice of intent and filing fee as described in section ~~1417~~ 1415-A.

Sec. 4. 10 MRSA § 1416, sub-§1, ¶ B, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 503, § 2, is amended to read:

B. A statement that the builder of contractor intends to follow the Manual of Accepted Practices under section ~~1417~~ 1415-A; or

Sec. 5. 10 MRSA § 1416, sub-§ 3, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 503, § 2, is amended to read:

The owner of a building subject to this chapter shall notify the director according to the procedure established in section ~~1417~~ 1415-A at least 14 days before the building is ready for inspection and shall certify that the building has been constructed according to the standards under this chapter.

Sec. 6. 10 MRSA § 1417 as enacted by PL 1979, c. 503, § 2, is repealed.

Sec. 7. 10 MRSA § 1418, sub-§ 3, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 503, § 2, is amended to read:

Municipalities may not collect fees in excess of the fees established under section 1417 1415-A.

Sec. 8. PL 1979, c. 503, § 4, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill adopts, as voluntary building energy efficient standards, standards developed by the Office of Energy Resources and approved by the Advisory Council on Energy Efficiency Building Performance and as required in Public Law 1979, chapter 503. The material in Title 10, section 1417, is moved to Title 10, section 1415-A. This bill repeals section 1415.