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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 480, L.D. 1363, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Energy Efficiency in Buildings Financed with Public Funds."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1762, as reenacted by PL 1977, c. 563, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1762. No facility constructed without life-cycle costs

No public improvement, as defined in this chapter, public school facility or other building or addition constructed or substantially renovated in whole or in part with public funds or using public loan guarantees, with an area in excess of 5,000 square feet, may be constructed without having secured from the designer a proper evaluation of life-cycle costs, as computed by a qualified architect or engineer. Construction shall proceed only upon disclosing, for the design chosen, the life-cycle costs as determined in section 1764 and the capitalization of the initial construction costs of the facility or building. The life-cycle costs shall be a primary consideration in the selection of the design. As a minimum, the design shall meet the Energy Efficiency Building Performance standards promulgated by the Office of Energy Resources under Title 10, chapter 214.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1764, sub-§1, as reenacted by PL 1977,  
c. 563, §2, is amended to read:

1. Bureau of Public Improvements to promulgate rules and procedures. The Bureau of Public Improvements shall promulgate rules and procedures, including energy conservation guidelines which conform as a minimum to the energy efficiency building performance standards promulgated by the Office of Energy Resources under Title 10, chapter 214, for conducting an energy-related life-cycle costs analysis of alternative architectural or engineering designs, or both, and shall evaluate the efficiency of energy utilization for designs in the construction and lease of public improvements and public school facilities. Such rules and procedures shall take effect 90 days after the enactment of this subchapter. '

Statement of Fact

This amendment retains the intent of the bill but integrates it better with the life-cycle cost procedure. It removes the 1% solar or renewable cost preference.

Reported by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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