

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1363

S. P. 480

In Senate, March 18, 1981

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Trafton of Androscoggin.

Cosponsor: Representative Kany of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

**AN ACT Concerning Energy Efficiency in Buildings Financed with Public Funds.**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 1762, as reenacted by PL 1977, c. 563, § 2, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

**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 § 1762, as reenacted by PL 1977, c. 563, § 2, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

**Innovative designs using solar or other renewable energy resources shall receive an additional cost preference credit of 1% when compared with more conventional designs.**

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA § 1415-A, sub-§ 6 is enacted to read:

**6. Buildings constructed with public funds. Any building or addition, constructed or renovated in whole or in part with public funds or using public loan guarantees after January 1, 1981, shall meet the performance standards in this section. For renovation, meeting the standards shall only be required for the portions of the building which undergo substantial renovation, as determined by**

**the director. For public improvements, as defined in Title 5, chapter 153, compliance with the life-cycle cost requirements of subchapter 1-A shall be deemed sufficient for compliance with this subsection.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would require that buildings constructed with public funds meet the Maine Energy Conservation Building Standards, which are presently voluntary.

In addition, it gives a 1% cost preference to innovative designs using solar or other renewable energy resources.