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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1385, L.D. 1954, Bill, "AN ACT to Revise the Energy Building Standards Act."

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Amend the Bill in section 7 by striking out all of subsection 8 and inserting in its place the following:

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'8. Exemptions. Exemptions shall be granted in accordance with this subsection.

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A. Any person who is building his own single-family home in which he plans to live shall be exempt from the mandatory provisions of subsection 1.

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B. Any new structure or renovation valued at less than \$10,000 shall be exempt from the mandatory provisions of subsection 1.

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C. The director may, with the approval of the advisory council, adopt rules which exempt from the provisions of subsection 1, additional specific classes of buildings. The exemption of certain classes of buildings shall be based on the finding that the exemption does not conflict with the basic purpose of the law to reduce energy consumption through cost-effective conservation measures.'

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Further amend the Bill in section 8 in that part designated "§1415-C." in subsection 1 in the 4th line (page 4, line 29 in L.D.) by inserting after the underlined word "renovated" the underlined word 'residential'

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Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end

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1 before the Statement of Fact the following:

2 'Sec. 10. 10 MRSA §1420, as amended by PL 1985,
3 c. 370, §5, is further amended to read:

4 §1420. Penalties

5 It shall be unlawful for any person to advertise
6 or promote that any residential ~~or nonresidential~~
7 building conforms to the provisions voluntary
8 energy-efficient or super energy-efficient standards
9 of this chapter unless a certificate of energy effi-
10 ciency has been granted for that building.

11 Any person who violates this provision shall be
12 subject to a civil penalty ~~not to exceed \$5,000~~, pay-
13 able to the State, to be recovered in a civil action.
14 In the case of a single-family home, this penalty
15 shall not exceed \$500. In the case of a multi-family
16 or nonresidential building, the penalty shall not ex-
17 ceed 1% of the value of the construction or
18 renovation.

19 After January 1, 1987, it is unlawful for any
20 person, other than those who have received waivers or
21 exemptions, to construct or substantially renovate
22 any building in violation of section 1415-B. Any
23 person who violates this provision shall be subject
24 to a civil penalty ~~not to exceed 5% of the value of~~
25 ~~the construction or renovation~~ payable to the State,
26 to be recovered in a civil action. In the case of a
27 single-family home, this penalty shall not exceed
28 \$500. In the case of a multi-family or nonresidential
29 building, the penalty shall not exceed 1% of the val-
30 ue of the construction or renovation.'

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1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The original bill establishes a minimum level of
3 energy efficient building standards and 2 levels of
4 more stringent voluntary standards for buildings con-
5 structed after January 1, 1987. This amendment re-
6 duces the scope of the original bill by exempting
7 from the minimum standards owner-built homes and
8 buildings whose construction or renovation is valued
9 at less than \$10,000 and applying the more stringent
10 voluntary standards only to residential buildings.
11 The amendment also reduces the penalty for violation
12 of either the mandatory minimum standards or the vol-
13 untary standards.

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