

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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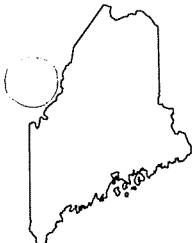
Presented by Representative NORTON of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Senator LUDWIG of Aroostook, Representative AULT of Wayne and Representative DAGGETT of Augusta.

### STATE OF MAINE

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

#### An Act to Amend the School Approval Standards.



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

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4       **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§24**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 502, Pt. A, §17, is amended to read:

6       **24. Application of minimum air ventilation standards.**  
8       Beginning September 1, 1988, to apply the ANSA-ASHARE Indoor Air  
10       Quality and Ventilation Standards contained in the proposed  
12       revision, 1981 R, July 15, 1986, and ASHARE Standards 62-1989,  
14       Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality, as prepared by the  
16       American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning  
18       Engineers, Inc. or more stringent standards to public school  
20       buildings and buildings occupied by state employees during normal  
      working hours. These standards shall must be applied to  
      buildings which are constructed or substantially renovated by the  
      State after September 1, 1988, and to buildings for which the  
      State enters into new leases or renews leases following the date  
      in this subsection. For the purpose of this subsection,  
      "substantial renovation" means any renovation for which the cost  
      exceeds 50% of the buildings' value.

22       A. The bureau, in cooperation with a labor-management  
24       committee established to look at this issue, shall develop a  
26       plan by which priorities are established for improving  
28       indoor air quality and ventilation standards in buildings  
30       occupied by state employees. This plan shall ~~include~~  
32       includes data gathering and analysis of air quality in a  
34       sample number of buildings by which reasonable projections  
      and estimates concerning air quality can be established.  
      The bureau shall report its findings to the joint standing  
      committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state  
      and local government no later than January 16, 1989. This  
      report, at a minimum, shall must contain the following:

36               (1) A description of the extent of the problem, if  
38               any, with respect to air quality and ventilation in  
      buildings occupied by state employees;

40               (2) Priorities of locations for which the improvement  
42               of air quality is necessary. These locations shall ~~be~~  
      are areas occupied by state employees during normal  
      working hours;

44               (3) A timetable by which these priorities could be  
46               addressed;

48               (4) A description of what may be necessary to address  
      these priorities, including feasible alternatives;

50               (5) The costs of addressing these priorities; and

2 (6) If possible, locations leased by the State which  
may not meet the air quality standards defined in this  
subsection.

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6 Nothing in this paragraph may be construed to require the  
bureau to conduct an in depth analysis for each building or  
to present technical data for each building occupied by  
8 state employees.

10 B. The indoor air quality and ventilation standards applied  
by the bureau shall remain in effect until the Board of  
12 Occupational Safety and Health adopts air quality and  
ventilation standards; and

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16 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4502, sub-§5, ¶J**, as enacted by PL 1983, c.  
859, Pt. A, §§20 and 25, is amended to read:

18 J. Health, sanitation and safety requirements, including  
19 compliance with ASHARE Standards 62-1989, Ventilation for  
20 Acceptable Indoor Air Quality, pursuant to Title 5, section  
21 1742, subsection 24;

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24 **Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §565-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 733,  
§6, is amended to read:

26 **1. Advise and propose standards.** The board shall work with  
the Bureau of Public Improvements with respect to evaluation of  
28 indoor air quality and ventilation in public school buildings and  
buildings occupied by state employees and the preparation of the  
30 report pursuant to Title 5, section 1742, subsection 24,  
paragraph A.

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34 A. The board may advise the Bureau of Public Improvements  
and propose for consideration by the bureau air quality and  
36 ventilation standards that are more stringent than the  
minimum standards as defined in Title 5, section 1742,  
subsection 24.

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40 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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44 This bill ensures that public school buildings are  
ventilated according to standards established by the American  
46 Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers,  
Inc. as defined in ASHARE Standards 62-1989, Ventilation for  
Acceptable Indoor Air Quality.