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S.P. 617

In Senate, January 13, 1994

An Act to Provide Job-site Inspectors Representing the Owner on Public Improvements.

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BUTLAND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: REED of Falmouth.

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4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§24**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 502, Pt.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, as prepared by the American
14 Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers,
16 Inc. or more stringent standards to buildings occupied by state
18 employees during normal working hours. These standards shall 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.

20 A. The bureau, in cooperation with a labor-management
22 committee established to look at this issue, shall develop a
24 plan by which priorities are established for improving
indoor air quality and ventilation standards in buildings
occupied by state employees. This plan shall include data
gathering and analysis of air quality in a 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 contain the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§25**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 502,
15 Pt. A, §18, is amended to read:

18 **25. Sites for child care programs.** To review, in
19 cooperation with the Office of Child Care Coordination in the
20 Department of Human Services, feasible sites for child care
21 programs offered primarily as a service to state employees
22 pursuant to Title 22, section 8307, subsection 2,; and

24 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§26** is enacted to read:

26 **26. Administration and supervision of bonds and other funds**
27 **authorized for capital repairs, improvements and construction.**
28 **To use up to 1 1/2% of the proceeds of a bond issue or**
29 **appropriation from other funds related to the capital repair,**
30 **improvements or construction of state facilities for the purpose**
31 **of administering and supervising the construction or repair**
32 **authorized.**

34 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

36 This bill allows the Bureau of General Services to hire
37 contract inspectors to provide job-site coordination and
38 inspection on public improvements. This will provide direct
39 representation on behalf of the owner at all meetings pertaining
40 to payment requisitions and change orders prior to approval by
41 the Bureau of General Services.

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48 **This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the**
49 **need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical**
50 **amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.**