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In Senate, December 14, 2001

An Act to Give the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services Discretion Regarding Building Codes.

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 14, 2001. Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

PAMELA L. CAHILL Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative McDONOUGH of Portland.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§6-A, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 741, is amended to read:

6-A. Building code. To adopt for design purposes for all public improvements the most recent version of one of the following published compilations of rules which that has been prepared by the American Insurance Association, the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, the International Conference of Building Officials, the National Fire Protection Association or the Southern Building Code Congress, except that, where an administrative unit has adopted one of the above codes, such that code shall must be used for the design of a school building in that administrative unit.

The bureau has discretion to determine which portions of the building codes used in this subsection are applicable to public improvement projects. This determination must be adopted by rule. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter II-A;

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to adopt for design purposes of public improvements the most recent version of specified building codes. The bureau has discretion to adopt those portions of the building codes that it determines applicable.