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An Act Regarding Energy Efficiency Standards

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative ADAMS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Lincoln and
Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, BLISS of South Portland, EDER of Portland,
LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, RINES of Wiscasset, SHIELDS of Auburn.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1413, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 75,
§1, is further amended to read:

6 1. **ASHRAE.** "~~ASHRAE 90~~" means the ~~current--standard--for~~
7 ~~energy-conservation-in-new-building-design-developed-and-approved~~
8 ~~by-the~~ American Society of Heating, Refrigeration Refrigerating
9 ~~and Air-Conditioning~~ Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc.

10 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1413, sub-§§1-A and 1-B** are enacted to read:

12 **1-A. ASHRAE Standard 62-2001.** "ASHRAE Standard 62-2001"
14 means Ventilation for Acceptable IAQ, ASHRAE Standard 62-2001,
15 the standard for building ventilation adopted by ASHRAE in 2001.

16 **1-B. ASHRAE Standard 90.1, 2001.** "ASHRAE Standard 90.1,
18 2001" means Standard 90.1, 2001 Energy Standard for Buildings, IP
19 Edition, the standard for energy conservation in new building
20 design adopted by ASHRAE in 2001.

22 **Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1415-C, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1991, c.
23 246, §6, is amended to read:

24 Except as provided in this section, any new conditioned
25 space in a residential building constructed after January 1, 1989
26 2003 must conform to the minimum prescriptive or performance
27 standards established in this section.

28 **Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §1415-C, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1991, c.
29 246, §9, is further amended to read:

30 **3. Multifamily structures.** Effective January 1, 1990 2003,
31 in addition to conforming to the requirements of this section,
32 any new construction or renovation of a conditioned space in -a-
33 any residential building of more than 2 dwelling units must
34 conform to the ~~ASHRAE 90-standards,-provided-that-these-standards~~
35 ~~de-not-conflict-with-this-section~~ Standard 62-2001 and ASHRAE
36 Standard 90.1, 2001.

37 **Sec. 5. 10 MRSA §1415-D, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1987, c.
38 818, §4, is amended to read:

39 Except as provided in this section, new construction or
40 substantial renovation of any commercial or institutional
41 building undertaken after January 1, 1989-~~shall~~ 2004 must conform
42 to the ~~ASHRAE 90-standards~~ Standard 62-2001 and ASHRAE Standard
43 90.1-2001 under any of the compliance methods specified in the
44 standards. For the purpose of this section, "substantial

2 renovation" means any renovation for which the cost exceeds 50%
3 of the building's current value prior to renovation.

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5 **SUMMARY**

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7 This bill amends Maine law pertaining to energy efficiency
8 standards and indoor air quality in new construction or
9 substantial renovation of conditioned space in a residential
10 building of more than 2 dwelling units to conform to the changes
to ASHRAE standards.