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Date: 5/25/07

Majority

L.D. 1655  
(Filing No. H-331)

**UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1164, L.D. 1655, Bill, "An Act To Improve Home and Commercial Building Energy Efficiency"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, To Improve the Energy Efficiency of Residential and Commercial Buildings'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. Feasibility study. Resolved:** That the Public Utilities Commission and the Maine State Housing Authority shall study the feasibility of and make recommendations for state policies or programs to increase compliance with the model building energy code developed by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 121 in the construction and renovation of residential and commercial buildings in the State. Any recommendations must provide for exemptions for low-income individuals for whom compliance with the code is a financial hardship and for individuals who build their own residences. The study must include consultation with stakeholders, including but not limited to homeowners, building contractors and representatives of the real estate industry. The study must consider the development and implementation of education and outreach strategies to inform owners and builders of residential and commercial buildings about the model building energy code; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That no later than January 1, 2008 the Public Utilities Commission and Maine State Housing Authority shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy on their findings and recommendations under section 1 regarding a program to increase compliance with the model building energy code developed by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 121. The report must include a summary of any data that has been

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1 collected by the commission related to the energy efficiency of the housing stock in the  
2 State; and be it further

3 **Sec. 3. Authority to report legislation. Resolved:** That the Joint Standing  
4 Committee on Utilities and Energy may submit legislation relating to the subject matter  
5 of this resolve to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.'

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment directs the Public  
8 Utilities Commission and the Maine State Housing Authority to study the feasibility of  
9 and make recommendations for state policies or programs designed to increase  
10 compliance with the Maine Model Building Energy Code. The amendment requires the  
11 Public Utilities Commission and the Maine State Housing Authority to report their  
12 findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy by January 1, 2008 and  
13 authorizes the committee to submit legislation related to the resolve's subject matter to the  
14 Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See Attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1655

LR 449(02)

**An Act To Improve Home and Commercial Building Energy Efficiency**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**

**Committee: Utilities and Energy**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission and the Maine State Housing Authority associated with the required study can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.