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STATE OF MAINE
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124TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 341,
L.D. 891, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Site Location of Development Laws To Include
Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Creation of energy-efficient building standards. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection, referred to in this resolve as "the department," in consultation with the Efficiency Maine Trust Board, the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board within the Department of Public Safety, technical experts in energy efficiency and other interested parties, shall compile from existing sources a set of standards for the design and operation of developments subject to the jurisdiction of the site location of development laws in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6. The standards must be selected based on a demonstration that a building designed, constructed and operated under the standards will have no unreasonable adverse impact on the environment from the generation of greenhouse gases over the building's useful life. By January 1, 2011, the department shall submit a report on its compilation of the standards to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters; and be it further'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 3 to 5 and inserting the following:

Sec. 3. Creation of energy-efficient developments. Resolved: That the department shall, in the course of developing the recommended standards and best management practices pursuant to this resolve, provide the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission with information regarding energy-efficient design, construction and operation of developments. By January 1, 2012, the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission shall submit a report on how these recommendations could be implemented, with an estimate of the cost to landowners to implement each recommendation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters.'

SUMMARY

This amendment:

1. Removes language requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to develop carbon-neutral building standards and instead requires the department to develop energy efficiency standards;

2. Removes language requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to evaluate the energy performance of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code in relation to other commonly used benchmarking systems;

3. Removes language requiring the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to recommend ways to ensure that development in the unorganized and deorganized areas in the State minimizes energy use, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and maximizes energy efficiency; and

4. Removes authority for the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters to submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature and removes authority for the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

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