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### An Act To Conserve Energy in Certain Commercial Buildings

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative KNAPP of Gorham.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BOLDUC of Auburn,  
DUCHESNE of Hudson, EBERLE of South Portland, WALSH INNES of Yarmouth.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶J,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 699, §6, is  
3 amended to read:

4 J. In the adoption and amendment of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code,  
5 ensure that nontraditional or experimental construction, including but not limited to  
6 straw bale and earth berm construction, is permissible under the code; ~~and~~

7 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶K,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 699, §6, is  
8 amended to read:

9 K. In the adoption and amendment of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code,  
10 ensure that building materials from local sawmills, including but not limited to  
11 nongraded lumber, are permissible under the code;

12 **Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶L** is enacted to read:

13 L. In the adoption and amendment of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code,  
14 ensure that hotels, motels and inns with greater than 50 rooms and that are newly  
15 constructed or substantially renovated after the adoption and amendment of the code  
16 are required to install an electronic sensor in each room that recognizes a room key  
17 and allows an electric circuit to power the lights in that room only when the room key  
18 is present; and

19 **Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶M** is enacted to read:

20 M. In the adoption and amendment of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy  
21 Code, ensure that escalators in commercial buildings that are newly constructed or  
22 substantially renovated after the adoption and amendment of the code are  
23 motion-activated.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill requires the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board, when adopting  
26 or amending the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, to ensure that:

27 1. Hotels, motels and inns with more than 50 rooms have a system that turns off the  
28 power to lights in vacant rooms; and

29 2. Escalators in commercial buildings are motion-activated.