

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act To Ensure the Use of Environmentally Responsible  
Insulation Materials in Taxpayer-funded Building Projects**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MIRAMANT of Knox, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, WELSH of Rockport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1762-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§1762-B. Insulation with a low global-warming potential for state-funded projects**

4 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
5 following terms have the following meanings.

6 A. "Global-warming potential" means the measure of relative radiative effect of a  
7 gas compared with that of carbon dioxide integrated over a 100-year time horizon as  
8 calculated in accordance with the method specified in Chapter 6 of the  
9 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Potential's 2001 Third Assessment  
10 Report.

11 B. "Substantial renovations" means any renovation for which the cost exceeds 50%  
12 of the building's current value prior to renovation.

13 **2. Insulation for state-funded construction projects.** After October 1, 2016, the  
14 following entities must install, or fund the installation of, insulation with a global-  
15 warming potential of 10 or less for state-funded new construction or substantial  
16 renovations. Any building constructed or substantially renovated that will be leased or is  
17 leased to the following entities must be constructed with insulation with a global-  
18 warming potential of 10 or less.

19 A. School administrative units;

20 B. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General  
21 Services, Division of Purchases;

22 C. The University of Maine System;

23 D. The Maine Community College System;

24 E. The Maine Maritime Academy;

25 F. The Maine State Housing Authority; and

26 G. The Efficiency Maine Trust under Title 35-A, chapter 97.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill requires the use of insulation with a low global-warming potential for all  
29 state-funded new building construction and substantial renovations of existing buildings.  
30 This bill also specifies that school administrative units, the Department of Administrative  
31 and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, Division of Purchases, University of  
32 Maine System, Maine Community College System, the Maine State Housing Authority  
33 and the Efficiency Maine Trust must use or require to be used low global-warming  
34 potential insulation in any state-funded new building construction or substantial  
35 renovation, or any building constructed for the purpose of leasing, or the substantial  
36 renovation of a leased building.