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11. Office space. "Office space" means office space in excess of 30,000 square feet, provided that at least 1/2 of the employees occupying the square footage represent new jobs in the community.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 339

H. P. 707 — L. D. 832

AN ACT to Amend the Maine Unfair Trade Practices' Laws.

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

5 MRSA § 209, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 199, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

In any action under this section where a permanent injunction is denied, the court may order the State to pay the costs of the defense of the prevailing party or parties and the costs of the suit upon a finding by the court that the action was frivolous.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 340

H. P. 711 — L. D. 836

AN ACT to Amend the Municipal Securities Approval Act.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 5325, sub-§ 1, ¶¶ I and J, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 688, § 1, are amended to read:

I. Energy distribution systems; and

J. Combined projects; and

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 5325, sub-§ 1, ¶ K is enacted to read:

K. Reconstruction of existing buildings for commercial use;

Sec. 3. 30 MRSA 5326, sub-§ 2-D is enacted to read:

2-D. Reconstruction of existing building project. "Reconstruction of existing building project" means any building which is at least 50 years old which is remodeled, reconstructed or rehabilitated for commercial use, together with all lands, property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements and interests in lands which may be acquired by the municipality or a user for completion of the project.

Sec. 4. 30 MRSA § 5326, sub-§ 5, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 688, § 9, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

In the case of a reconstruction of an existing building project, cost of construction includes the cost of reconstruction or remodeling and all other costs as defined by this subsection.

Sec. 5. 30 MRSA § 5328, sub-§ 4-E is enacted to read:

4-E. Reconstruction of existing building project. In the case of an existing building project, the authority may not issue a certificate of approval until it has determined:

A. That the project will result in the reconstruction, remodeling or rehabilitation of any existing building which is at least 50 years old to be used for commercial purposes such as retailing, business and professional office space;

B. That the building is located in an existing commercial area of a municipality in which a substantial public benefit will result from reconstructing, remodeling or rehabilitating the building rather than removing the building for new construction, or to allow its continued deterioration; and

C. That the reconstruction, remodeling or rehabilitation was completed after January 1, 1981.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 341

H. P. 775 — L. D. 920

AN ACT to Encourage Solar Easements.

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

33 MRSA c. 28 is enacted to read: