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House of Representatives, April 1, 2025

**An Act to Direct the Board of Occupational Safety and Health to
Develop Indoor Air Quality Standards for Buildings in the State in
Which Public Sector Workers Work**

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MONTELL of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and
Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GRAMLICH of
Old Orchard Beach, MACIAS of Topsham, ROEDER of Bangor, SHAGOURY of Hallowell,
SKOLD of Portland, Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §565-A, sub-§2 is enacted to read:

2. Indoor air quality standards. The board shall develop indoor air quality standards for buildings in the State in which public sector workers work.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §565-A, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Rules. The board shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of subsection 2. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. Board of Occupational Safety and Health to develop indoor air quality standards for public buildings in the State. In creating the indoor air quality standards under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 565-A, subsection 2, the Department of Labor, Board of Occupational Safety and Health shall consider but is not limited to considering the following:

1. Carbon monoxide;
2. Nitrogen dioxide;
3. Indoor particulate matter;
4. Aerosolized particles;
5. Mold;
6. Volatile organic compounds;
7. Radon;
8. Lead;
9. Asbestos;
10. Pesticides;
11. Insecticides;
12. Formaldehyde; and
13. Excess humidity.

The board may consider the items listed in this section individually or create an indoor air quality index. A rule for an item in this section that involves aerosols must be at least as stringent as American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers Standard 241 (2023).

Sec. 4. Rules to develop initial indoor air quality standards. By February 15, 2026, the Department of Labor, Board of Occupational Safety and Health shall publish a notice of proposed rules under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8053, subsection 5 to carry out the provisions of Title 26, section 565-A, subsection 2.

SUMMARY

This bill directs the Department of Labor, Board of Occupational Safety and Health to adopt routine technical rules creating indoor air quality standards for buildings in which

1 public sector workers work, including rules for aerosols that are at least as stringent as the
2 American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers standard for
3 the control of infectious aerosols.