



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Repeal the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Harvell of Farmington

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund  
Potential current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$173,446)	(\$309,503)	(\$323,684)	(\$328,843)
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$231,389)	(\$314,102)	(\$314,102)	(\$314,102)
<b>Transfers</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation repeals the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC). It results in an Other Special Revenue Funds deallocation to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) of \$173,446 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$241,708 in fiscal year 2012-13 from eliminating one Director of Building Codes position, one Office Specialist I position and related other costs. Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Department of Public Safety will be reduced by \$231,389 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$314,102 in fiscal year 2012-13 as a result of eliminating the \$.04 per square foot fee on construction imposed for inspection and reviews by Bureau of Building Codes and Standards staff.

This bill deallocates \$67,795 in fiscal year 2012-13 and \$72,466 in subsequent fiscal years from the State Planning Office (SPO) to reflect the elimination of one Planner II position dedicated to building code training and related matters and also deallocates \$4,504 starting in fiscal year 2013-14 for administrative support no longer needed. The transfer of funds from the DPS to the SPO to fund the Planner II position would also be eliminated.

This bill also contains a potentially substantial multi-agency impact should repeal of the MUBEC imperil the status of federal grant funds, including American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funds. The extent of any impact would depend upon the desire of federal agencies to compel state agencies to return funds that were granted based on the premise of the continuing existence of MUBEC or an equivalent state law. If the return of such funds were realized, the cost could be substantial to the General Fund and future federal grants could be lost.