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House of Representatives, March 28, 2023

### **An Act to Establish a Model Residential Ventilation Design and Installation Standard**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9724, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

3 **8. Model residential mechanical ventilation systems codes.** Notwithstanding any  
4 provision of this chapter to the contrary, a municipality may not adopt a standard or code  
5 governing the design and installation of residential mechanical ventilation systems, beyond  
6 what may be specified in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, other than the  
7 Canadian Standards Association Standard for Residential Mechanical Ventilation Systems  
8 F326-M91. This subsection does not require a municipality to adopt a standard or code  
9 governing the design and installation of residential mechanical ventilation systems beyond  
10 what is specified in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. A standard or code  
11 governing the design and installation of residential mechanical ventilation systems adopted  
12 by a municipality prior to the effective date of this subsection is not invalidated by this  
13 subsection, but if the municipality replaces that standard or code it must adopt the Canadian  
14 Standards Association Standard for Residential Mechanical Ventilation Systems F326-  
15 M91.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill prohibits a municipality from adopting standards for the design and  
18 installation of residential mechanical ventilation systems, beyond what may be specified in  
19 the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, other than the Canadian Standards  
20 Association's Standard for Residential Mechanical Ventilation Systems F326-M91. A  
21 municipality is not required to adopt standards for residential mechanical ventilation  
22 systems but if it does, it must adopt the Canadian Standards Association standard. The bill  
23 also provides that a standard or code governing the design and installation of residential  
24 mechanical ventilation systems adopted by a municipality prior to the effective date of this  
25 provision is not invalidated, but if the municipality replaces that standard or code it must  
26 adopt the CSA Standard for Residential Mechanical Ventilation Systems F326-M91.