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**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**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 14 1. Carbon monoxide;
- 15 2. Nitrogen dioxide;
- 16 3. Indoor particulate matter;
- 17 4. Aerosolized particles;
- 18 5. Mold;
- 19 6. Volatile organic compounds;
- 20 7. Radon;
- 21 8. Lead;
- 22 9. Asbestos;
- 23 10. Pesticides;
- 24 11. Insecticides;
- 25 12. Formaldehyde; and
- 26 13. Excess humidity.

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

31 **Sec. 4. Rules to develop initial indoor air quality standards.** By February 15,  
32 2026, the Department of Labor, Board of Occupational Safety and Health shall publish a  
33 notice of proposed rules under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8053, subsection  
34 5 to carry out the provisions of Title 26, section 565-A, subsection 2.

### 35 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill directs the Department of Labor, Board of Occupational Safety and Health to  
37 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.