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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

**‘Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1415-G, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 300, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**1. Residential construction, remodeling and renovation.** During the construction, remodeling or renovation of a multifamily residential structure, a person may not install electric resistance space heating equipment as the primary heating system if that construction, remodeling or renovation is funded in whole or in part by public funds, guarantees or bond proceeds unless:

A. The person obtains a waiver from the commission in accordance with subsection 2; or

B. The structure meets a standard for calculated heat load established by the commission by rule or order.

For purposes of this section, "multifamily residential structure" means a residential structure with more than one dwelling unit and "electric resistance space heating equipment" does not include electric thermal storage space heating equipment, a high-performance air source heat pump that satisfies minimum heating performance standards of the Efficiency Maine Trust or a geothermal heat pump.’

Amend the bill in section 6 in §10119 in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraph B (page 3, lines 17 to 33 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘B. Funds from the fund may be used only for programs that provide cost-effective energy efficiency and heating fuel efficiency or weatherization measures for the benefit of heating fuel customers or to efficiency service providers serving those customers and in accordance with the following this paragraph.

(1) Program categories must may include low-income, single-family and 2-family residential units, multifamily residential units, small business, commercial and institutional and such other categories as the trust determines appropriate;.

(2) Within program categories, the trust may differentiate between programs for new construction and existing buildings; and.

(3) Cost-effective energy heating fuel efficiency measures must include measures that improve the energy efficiency of energy-using systems, such as heating and cooling systems; through system upgrades or conversions, including conversions to energy-efficient systems that rely on renewable energy sources, high-performance air source heat pumps or other systems that rely on effective energy efficiency technologies.

(4) Eligible program measures may include, but are not limited to, training or certification of energy auditors, insulation installers, mechanical heating system installers and maintenance technicians and building energy inspectors.

Amend the bill in section 6 in §10119 in subsection 2 in paragraph C in subparagraph (1) in the first line (page 3, line 35 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "cost-effective" the following: 'heating fuel'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

### **SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies the provision in the bill regarding the installation of high-performance air source heat pumps as a primary heating system in the construction, remodeling or renovation of publicly funded multifamily residential structures. The amendment makes technical changes to bring consistency to language in the bill relating to the types of measures funded by the Heating Fuels Efficiency and Weatherization Fund.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**