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An Act To Preserve the Economic Viability of Maine's Historic Properties

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn.
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: FREY of Bangor, GILLWAY of Searsport, HARRINGTON of Sanford,
MALABY of Hancock, MOONEN of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators:
CARSON of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9726** is enacted to read:

3 **§9726. Historic properties**

4 If an existing condition of a historic property occupied by a business is found out of
5 compliance with the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code or the fire safety codes
6 and standards under Title 25, sections 2452 and 2465 during a routine inspection for
7 business license renewal or a building permit for renovation or new construction or
8 during a random inspection, the property owner must meet only the standards for the
9 condition under the version of the code adopted most recently after the license to operate
10 the business was first issued by the municipality in which the property is located and
11 must update the condition to the next subsequent version of the code in increments of
12 time of no more than 3 years until the condition is brought up to current code standards.
13 For purposes of this section, "historic property" means a property listed on the National
14 Register of Historic Places or designated as a historic property by a certified municipal
15 historic preservation ordinance.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill requires that an owner of a historic property occupied by a business has to
18 meet only the standards of the version of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code
19 or the fire safety codes and standards adopted most recently after the business first
20 received its license to operate for a condition found out of compliance during a routine
21 inspection for business license renewal or a building permit for renovation or new
22 construction or during a random inspection.