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An Act To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Promote Weatherization in the Buildings Sector by Extending the Sunset Date for the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, ROBERTS of South Berwick, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5219-BB, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2019, c. 659, Pt. J, §2, is further amended to read:

- C. "Certified qualified rehabilitation expenditure" means a qualified rehabilitation expenditure, as defined by the Code, Section 47(c)(2), made on or after January 1, 2008 with respect to a certified historic structure, if:
 - (1) For credits claimed under subsection 2, paragraph A, the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service issues a determination on or before December 31, 2025 2040 that the proposed rehabilitation of that structure meets the Secretary of the Interior's standards for rehabilitation, with or without conditions; or
 - (2) For credits claimed under subsection 2, paragraph B, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission issues a determination on or before December 31, 2025 2040 that the proposed rehabilitation of that structure meets the Secretary of the Interior's standards for rehabilitation, with or without conditions.

For purposes of subsection 2, paragraph B, qualified rehabilitation expenditures incurred in the certified rehabilitation of a certified historic structure located in the State do not include a requirement that the certified historic structure be substantially rehabilitated.

20 SUMMARY

This bill amends the definition of "certified qualified rehabilitation expenditure" under the law governing the tax credit for rehabilitation of historic properties to extend from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2040 the date by which the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service must determine a proposed rehabilitation of a structure meets its standards for rehabilitation in order for a taxpayer to claim an income tax credit for a qualified rehabilitation expenditure.