An Act To Amend the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶M, as amended by PL 2015, c. 126, §2, is further amended to read:

M. Adopt, amend and maintain the Maine Uniform Building Code and the Maine Uniform Energy Code; and

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶N, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 126, §3, is amended to read:

N. In the adoption and amendment of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, ensure that buildings used to house livestock or harvested crops are not subject to the code; and

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶O is enacted to read:

O. No later than July 1, 2020, adopt, amend and maintain an appendix to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code as an optional part of the code that contains energy conservation and efficiency requirements that are based on established national voluntary efficiency standards that exceed the energy code requirements established in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. As the code is updated, the board shall ensure that the energy conservation and efficiency requirements in the appendix continue to exceed the requirements established in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. The appendix must be made available for voluntary adoption by any municipality. The board shall maintain a list of municipalities that have voluntarily adopted the appendix to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code on its publicly accessible website.