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House of Representatives, February 1, 2011

An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Repairing a Structure in a Coastal Sand Dune System

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative CHASE of Wells.
Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, MOULTON of York, NASS of Acton, Senators:
COLLINS of York, HILL of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-Q, sub-§2, ¶D,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c.
3 27, §1, is amended to read:

4 D. ~~The~~ For a structure located in a coastal sand dune system, the square footage of
5 the repaired structure does not exceed the square footage of the structure as it existed
6 24 months prior to the repair. For a structure not located in a coastal sand dune
7 system, the dimensions of the repaired structure do not exceed the dimensions of the
8 structure as it existed 24 months prior to the repair, or if the structure has been
9 officially included in or is considered by the Maine Historical Preservation
10 Commission eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, the
11 dimensions of the repaired structure do not exceed the dimensions of the historic
12 structure.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill allows structures located in a coastal sand dune system to be repaired in a
15 way in which the square footage of the repaired structure does not exceed the square
16 footage of the structure as it existed 24 months prior to the repair. Under current rules of
17 the Department of Environmental Protection, the height, width and length of the repaired
18 structure have to be the same as the structure as it existed 24 months prior to the repair.