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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1107, L.D. 1506, Bill, “An Act To Remove Obstacles to the Use of Technological Advances for Heating in Multifamily Structures”

Amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following:

**'Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1413, sub-§7-A** is enacted to read:

**7-A. Geothermal heat pump.** "Geothermal heat pump" means a central heating or central cooling system that pumps heat to or from the ground.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in the last line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "equipment" the following: 'or a geothermal heat pump'

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment defines "geothermal heat pump" and provides that geothermal heat pumps are not considered electric space heating equipment for the purposes of the laws governing electric heating systems in subsidized housing, thus allowing the pumps to be installed in multifamily residential structures funded by public funds.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**