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

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-Q, sub-§2, ¶D**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 27, §1, is amended to read:

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

### **SUMMARY**

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