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### **An Act To Protect Workers from Unsafe Working Conditions with Regard to Indoor Temperatures**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
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Presented by Representative WHITE of Waterville.  
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and  
Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, FECTION of Augusta, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill,  
SYLVESTER of Portland, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §565-C** is enacted to read:

3 **§565-C. Maximum temperatures and minimum temperatures in indoor places of**  
4 **employment**

5 **1. Indoor temperatures.** An employer shall maintain indoor temperatures at  
6 workplaces to ensure safe and healthful conditions of employees according to rules adopted  
7 by the board.

8 **2. Rules.** The board shall adopt rules establishing maximum and minimum  
9 temperatures for indoor places of employment pursuant to this section. Rules adopted  
10 pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,  
11 subchapter 2-A.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires the Department of Labor, Board of Occupational Safety and Health  
14 to establish minimum temperatures and maximum temperatures in indoor places of  
15 employment.