

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA 480-E, subsection 9 is repealed.

Sec. 2. Report. The Department of Environmental Protection shall report every five years from the effective date of this Act to the Joint Standing Committee for Natural Resources concerning the construction and reconstruction of buildings in frontal dunes areas under Chapter 355. The Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources may report out legislation related to coastal sand dune systems.

SUMMARY

This bill would repeal a provision that prohibits the Department of Environmental Protection from denying a permit for reconstruction of structure under the Natural Resources Protection Act solely because the structure is located in a V-Zone designated after January 1, 1999 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the National Flood Insurance Program, where "reconstruction" includes reconstruction due to an ocean storm.

The bill would also create an on-going reporting requirement concerning construction and reconstruction of buildings in coastal sand dune systems.