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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-W, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Barrier to protect a residence.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this article, the department may issue a permit to an owner of residential property in a coastal sand dune system to construct, repair or replace a year-round barrier landward of an existing seawall in a residential developed area after the owner has acquired all necessary state and local permits.’

## SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources. The amendment replaces the bill. The amendment authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to issue a permit to construct, repair or replace a year-round barrier in a coastal sand dune system behind an existing seawall in a residential developed area.