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House of Representatives, January 13, 2005

An Act To Reduce Dependence on Fossil Fuels by Advancing Biodiesel Use

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CEBRA of Naples.
Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and
Representatives: CRESSEY of Cornish, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LANSLEY of Sabattus,
MARLEY of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 376, §1, is
5 further amended by inserting after the 2nd indented paragraph a
6 new indented paragraph to read:

7 All state-owned motor vehicles that use diesel fuels must
8 use biodiesel fuel. The requirements of this paragraph are
9 satisfied if the fuel used includes at least 20% biodiesel fuel.
10 For purposes of this paragraph, "biodiesel fuel" means a
11 renewable fuel derived from vegetable oils or animal fats.

12 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1766-A** is enacted to read:

13 **§1766-A. Use of biodiesel fuel in state facilities**

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15 The Department of Administrative and Financial Services,
16 through the Bureau of General Services, shall ensure that all
17 facilities owned by the State that consume heating oil use
18 biodiesel fuel. The requirements of this section are satisfied
19 if the fuel used includes at least 20% biodiesel fuel.

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21 For purposes of this section, "facilities owned by the
22 State" includes all facilities that are owned by the legislative,
23 judicial or executive branch of government; any state department,
24 agency or authority; the University of Maine System; and the
25 Maine Community College System. For purposes of this section,
26 "biodiesel fuel" means a renewable fuel derived from vegetable
27 oils or animal fats.

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31 **SUMMARY**

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33 **34** This bill requires that all facilities owned by the State
34 that consume heating oil use biodiesel fuel. This bill also
35 requires state-owned motor vehicles that use diesel fuels to use
36 biodiesel fuel. These requirements are satisfied if the fuel
37 used includes at least 20% biodiesel fuel.
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