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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 999, L.D. 1435, Bill, "An Act Establishing Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards for Certain Products Sold or Installed in the State"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3601." by striking out all of subsections 5 and 6 (page 1, lines 31 to 45 in L.D.)

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3601." by striking out all of subsection 8 (page 2, lines 7 to 11 in L.D.)'

Further amend the amendment in the first paragraph after the title in the first line (page 1, line 23 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Amend" and inserting in its place the following: 'Further amend'

Further amend the amendment by inserting after the first paragraph after the title the following:

'Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3601." by striking out all of subsection 13 (page 2, lines 48 and 49 and page 3, lines 1 and 2 in L.D.)

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3601." by striking out all of subsections 23 and 24 (page 4, lines 22 to 50 and page 5, line 1 in L.D.)

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3601." by striking out all of subsection 30 (page 6, lines 33 to 40 in L.D.)'

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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2 Further amend the amendment by inserting after the 2nd
paragraph after the title the following:

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6 'Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
"~~§3602.~~" in subsection 1 in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 6, lines
45 and 46 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "testing,
8 certification and enforcement" and inserting in its place the
following: 'testing and certification'

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12 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
"~~§3602.~~" by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 6, lines 44 to
49 and page 7, lines 1 to 40 in L.D.) and inserting in its place
14 the following:

16 '1. Application. Except as provided in subsection 2, the
18 provisions of this chapter apply to the testing, certification
and enforcement of energy efficiency standards for the following
20 types of new products that are sold, offered for sale or
installed in the State and are referred to in this chapter as
"covered products":

- 22 A. Automatic commercial ice makers;
24 B. Commercial clothes washers;
26 C. Commercial refrigerators and freezers;
28 D. High-intensity discharge lamp ballasts;
30 E. Illuminated exit signs;
32 F. Large packaged air-conditioning equipment;
34 G. Low-voltage dry-type distribution transformers;
36 H. Medium-voltage dry-type distribution transformers;
38 I. Metal halide lamp fixtures;
40 J. Single-voltage external AC-to-DC power supplies;
42 K. State-regulated incandescent reflector lamps;
44 L. Torchiere lighting fixtures; and
46 M. Traffic signal modules.' '

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Further amend the amendment by striking out everything after
the 4th paragraph after the title and before the summary and
inserting in its place the following:

'Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of
those parts designated "§3603." to "§3606."

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 to
4 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 2. Rulemaking; energy efficiency standards; rebates. No
later than January 1, 2006, the Public Utilities Commission shall
adopt rules regarding efficiency standards and rebates for
products listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A,
section 3602, subsection 1 and referred to in this section as
"covered products." Rules adopted pursuant to this section are
routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
subchapter 2-A. For purposes of this section, "energy-efficient
products" means covered products that meet or exceed the energy
efficiency standards developed pursuant to subsection 1 of this
section.

1. The Public Utilities Commission shall adopt rules that
establish efficiency standards for covered products. The
commission may not require the purchase of energy-efficient
products or prohibit the purchase or installation of covered
products that do not meet the energy efficiency standards.

2. The Public Utilities Commission shall adopt rules to
implement a program to provide rebates to persons who purchase
energy-efficient products. In establishing a rebate amount for
an energy-efficient product, the commission shall make a
reasonable effort to provide an amount that equalizes the price
difference between energy-efficient products and those covered
products that do not meet the energy efficiency standards
developed pursuant to subsection 1 of this section. Funding for
the rebates must be made available from the conservation program
fund established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
35-A, section 3211-A, subsection 5 and is limited to \$500,000 per
year. The commission shall advertise the program, including the
amount of the rebates and the process for obtaining a rebate.'

SUMMARY

This amendment incorporates the substance of House Amendment
"A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-370), which strikes those
provisions of the bill that require all covered products sold or
installed in this State after January 1, 2007 and January 1,

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2008, respectively, to meet or exceed energy efficiency standards developed by the Public Utilities Commission and requires the commission to develop energy efficiency standards for covered products by routine technical rulemaking. A person who purchases a covered product that meets or exceeds the energy efficiency standards developed by the commission would be eligible for a rebate in an amount determined by the commission. The commission is required to set a rebate amount for each covered product that attempts to equalize the price difference between energy-efficient products and those products that do not meet the energy efficiency standards. Funding for the rebate program is limited to \$500,000 per year.

This amendment also removes the following from the list of covered products for which the commission is directed to develop energy efficiency standards:

- 1. Ceiling fans and ceiling fan light kits;
- 2. Commercial prerinse spray valves;
- 3. Furnace air handlers;
- 4. Residential boilers and residential furnaces; and
- 5. Unit heaters.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

SPONSORED BY: *Joanne Twomey*
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LR 1179(16)

An Act Establishing Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards for Certain Products Sold or Installed in the State

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "D" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Twomey

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to develop and implement a rebate program will require expenditures from the conservation program fund. The impact on fund resources will depend on the rules adopted by the Commission, but is limited to a maximum of \$500,000 per year.