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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "E" 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 bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3601." by striking out all of subsections 5, 6, 11, 13, 23 and 24.

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3601." by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3602." in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraphs B, F, G, H and T.

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3602." by relettering the paragraphs to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3602." in subsection 2 in paragraph C in the last line (page 8, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3602." in subsection 2 in paragraph D in the last line (page 8, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "." and inserting in its place the following: 'and'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3602." in subsection 2 by inserting after paragraph D the following:

HOUSE AMENDMENT

'E. Products that have previously been sold at final retail sale or installed.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§3604.~~" in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraphs A, B and E.

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§3604.~~" in subsection 1 by relettering the paragraphs to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of that part designated "~~§3605.~~"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§3606.~~" in the first line (page 9, line 48 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "labeling"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§3606.~~" by striking out all of subsection 3.

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§3606.~~" by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill in section 1 by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of subsections 2, 3, 7, 8 and 9.

Further amend the bill in section 2 by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 4. Rebate program. No later than January 1, 2006, the Public Utilities Commission shall implement a program to provide rebates to persons who purchase energy-efficient products listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3602, subsection 1 and referred to in this section as "covered products."

1. The rebate program implemented pursuant to this section must be reasonably similar to the conservation programs developed by the commission pursuant to Title 35-A, section 3211-A, subsection 2. The commission shall advertise the program, including the amount of the rebates and the process for obtaining a rebate.

2. In establishing a rebate amount for a covered 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 set forth in the rules adopted pursuant to Title 35-A, section 3603.

3. Funding for the rebates must be made available from the conservation program fund established pursuant to Title 35-A, section 3211-A, subsection 5 and is limited to \$500,000.

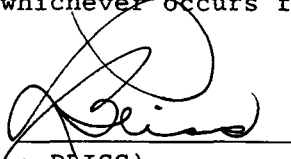
4. The rebate program implemented pursuant to this section must terminate June 30, 2008 or when the funds appropriated pursuant to subsection 3 of this section are exhausted, whichever is earlier.'

SUMMARY

This amendment removes from the list of covered products required to meet energy efficiency standards the following: ceiling fans, ceiling fan light kits, digital television adapters, residential boilers and residential furnaces and furnace air handlers. This amendment also removes the authority of the Public Utilities Commission to add other products to the list of covered products and the requirement that manufacturers identify covered products as being in compliance with the energy efficiency standards.

This amendment clarifies that products that have been previously sold at final retail sale or installed are not subject to the energy efficiency standards.

Finally, this amendment requires the Public Utilities Commission to implement a program similar to existing energy conservation programs to provide a rebate to a person who purchases a covered product that meets or exceeds the energy efficiency standards. 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 for the life of the program, which expires when the funding runs out or June 30, 2008, whichever occurs first.

SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative BLISS)

TOWN: South Portland

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 05/26/05 *MRC*

122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1435

LR 1179(15)

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

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "E"

Sponsor: Rep. Bliss

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.