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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" 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 and H.

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3602." in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraphs R, S and T and inserting in their place the following:

'R. Traffic signal modules; and

S. Unit heaters.'

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'

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

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

8 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
10 "§3604." in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraphs A, B  
and E.

12 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
14 "§3604." in subsection 1 by relettering the paragraphs to read  
consecutively.

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

18 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
20 "§3606." in the first line (page 9, line 48 in L.D.) by striking  
out the following: ", labeling"

22 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
24 "§3606." by striking out all of subsection 3.

26 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
28 "§3606." by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

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

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

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

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

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

48 1. The rebate program implemented pursuant to this section  
must be reasonably similar to the conservation programs developed  
50 by the commission pursuant to Title 35-A, section 3211-A,

2 subsection 2. The commission shall advertise the program,  
including the amount of the rebates and the process for obtaining  
4 a rebate.

6 2. In establishing a rebate amount for a covered product,  
the commission shall make a reasonable effort to provide an  
8 amount that equalizes the price difference between  
10 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.

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

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

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22 **SUMMARY**

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

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

38 Finally, this amendment requires the Public Utilities  
Commission to implement a program similar to existing energy  
40 conservation programs to provide a rebate to a person who  
purchases a covered product that meets or exceeds the energy  
42 efficiency standards. The commission is required to set a rebate  
amount for each covered product that attempts to equalize the

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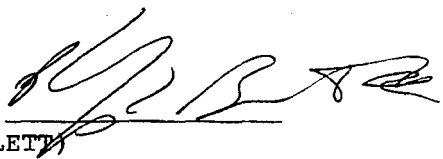
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2 price difference between energy-efficient products and those  
3 products that do not meet the energy efficiency standards.  
4 Funding for the rebate program is limited to \$500,000 for the  
5 life of the program, which expires when the funding runs out or  
6 June 30, 2008, whichever occurs first.

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SPONSORED BY:



(Senator BARTLETT)

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COUNTY: Cumberland

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)

# SENATE AMENDMENT



# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1435

LR 1179(17)

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

**Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "B"**

**Sponsor: Sen. Bartlett**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## 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 for the life of the program.