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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1122, L.D. 1586, Bill, "An Act To Encourage the Use of Solar Energy"

Amend the amendment in section 2 in that part designated "~~§3211-B.~~" in subsection 2 in paragraph B in the 3rd line (page 2, line 35 in amendment) by striking out the following: "\$500" and inserting in its place the following: '\$1,250'

Further amend the amendment in section 2 in that part designated "~~§3211-B.~~" in subsection 2 in paragraph C in the last line (page 2, line 43 in amendment) by striking out the following: "\$500" and inserting in its place the following: '\$1,250'

Further amend the amendment in section 2 in that part designated "~~§3211-B.~~" in subsection 3 in the last line (page 3, line 11 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "section." the following: 'In each fiscal year, 25% of the fund is allotted to solar photovoltaic system rebates and 75% of the fund is allotted to solar thermal system rebates.'

Further amend the amendment in section 2 in that part designated "~~§3211-B.~~" by inserting after subsection 5 the following:

'6. Limitation to residents of State; repeal. Participation in the solar energy rebate program and fund established in this section is limited to residents of the State. This section is repealed December 31, 2008.'

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2 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of sections
3 and 4.

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6 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 6
and inserting in its place the following:

8 'Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. The following
10 appropriations and allocations are made.

12 **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

14 **Solar Rebate Program Fund (new)**

16 Initiative: Allocates funds for the Solar Rebate Program Fund
Other Special Revenue account.

18	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2005-06	2006-07
20	All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
22	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

24 **Conservation Program Fund 0967**

26 Initiative: Provides an offsetting deallocation to the
conservation program fund established under the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3211-A.

28	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2005-06	2006-07
30	All Other	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)
32	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$500,000)</u>	<u>(\$500,000)</u>

34 **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

36 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

36		2005-06	2006-07
38	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$0
40	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0'</u>

42 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

46 **SUMMARY**

48 This amendment removes the income tax credit and sales tax
50 reimbursement for the purchase of solar photovoltaic and solar
thermal energy systems. The rebate for the purchase and

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2 installation of a solar thermal system is increased from \$500 to
3 \$1,250. Rebates for solar photovoltaic systems are limited to
4 25% of the solar energy rebate program fund and rebates for solar
5 thermal systems are limited to 75% of the fund per fiscal year to
6 give preference to the installation of solar thermal systems.

7 This amendment limits the participation in the solar energy
8 rebate program and fund to residents of the State and repeals the
9 program and fund effective December 31, 2008.
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12 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
13 (See attached)
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15 SPONSORED BY: *Regen Rotundo*
16 (Senator ROTUNDO) *903*
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18 COUNTY: Androscoggin
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SENATE AMENDMENT



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LD 1586

LR 2277(06)

An Act To Encourage the Use of Solar Energy

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Rotundo

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Eliminates the General Fund cost of the bill

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$208,412)	(\$194,735)	(\$233,436)	(\$280,12
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$30,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	\$178,412	\$194,735	\$233,436	\$280,123
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$9,588	\$10,465	\$12,804	\$15,636

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Removing the income tax credit and sales tax reimbursement for certain solar thermal energy systems will remove the General Fund cost of the bill, identified as \$208,412 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$194,735 in fiscal year 2006-07.