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H.P. 892

House of Representatives, March 14, 2019

An Act To Fund Energy Efficiency Programs through a Fee on the Sale of Unregulated Heating Fuels

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and
Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, DODGE of Belfast, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HARNETT of Gardiner, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, RYKERSON of Kittery, WARREN of Hallowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10119, sub-§1, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:

3 A-1. Funds from the heating fuel fee imposed under Title 36, chapter 723;

4 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA c. 723** is enacted to read:

5 **CHAPTER 723**

6 **HEATING FUEL FEE**

7 **§4951. Imposition of fee**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a fee is imposed on the
9 wholesale sale in the State of heating oil, propane, coal, kerosene and dyed diesel fuel
10 that is intended for residential or commercial heating purposes in the amount of 1% of the
11 wholesale sale price.

12 **§4952. Administration**

13 The fee imposed by this chapter is administered as provided in chapter 7 and Part 3,
14 with the fee imposed pursuant to this chapter to be considered as imposed under Part 3.

15 The revenue derived from the fee imposed by this chapter must be deposited in the
16 Heating Fuels Efficiency and Weatherization Fund established in Title 35-A, section
17 10119, which must reimburse the General Fund for the administrative costs of the fee as
18 certified by the bureau.

19 **§4953. Effective date**

20 This chapter takes effect July 1, 2020.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 Starting July 1, 2020, this bill imposes a fee of 1% on the wholesale sale price of
23 heating oil, propane, coal, kerosene and dyed diesel fuel that is intended for residential or
24 commercial heating purposes. The bill requires the revenue raised through the imposition
25 of this fee to be used to provide additional funding for the Heating Fuels Efficiency and
26 Weatherization Fund, which is administered by the Efficiency Maine Trust for the
27 purpose of reducing heating fuel consumption and providing energy efficiency and
28 weatherization products and services to consumers.