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S.P. 497

In Senate, April 16, 2019

An Act To Encourage the Use of Renewable Energy

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLUME of York, HYMANSON of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §9, sub-§6-A** is enacted to read:

3 **6-A. Renewable Energy Program.** The Renewable Energy Program, referred to in
4 this subsection as "the program," is established to promote the achievement of the
5 following goal: that, by January 1, 2050, 100% of the energy consumed in this State will
6 be supplied by renewable resources as defined in Title 35-A, section 3210, subsection 2,
7 paragraph C. The director shall work with the Public Utilities Commission, the
8 Efficiency Maine Trust Board established under Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection
9 10-C and the Department of Environmental Protection to develop and implement a plan
10 to achieve the goal. By January 1, 2020 and annually thereafter, the director shall submit
11 a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy
12 matters on the program and the progress toward the goal.

13 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1766-A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 329, Pt. A, §1, is further
14 amended to read:

15 **§1766-A. Electricity purchases**

16 No later than January 1, 2010, all electricity consumed in state-owned buildings must
17 be supplied by renewable resources. No later than January 1, 2030, all electricity
18 purchased by state agencies must be supplied by renewable resources. No later than
19 January 1, 2050, all heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems in state-owned or
20 state-leased buildings must be electrical and the electricity must be supplied by renewable
21 resources. For purposes of this section, "renewable resource" has the same meaning as in
22 Title 35-A, section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph C. In purchasing electricity for state-
23 owned buildings, the State may give preference to electricity generated by community-
24 based renewable energy projects, as defined in Title 35-A, section 3602, subsection 1.

25 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1830, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 386, Pt. H, §10, is
26 amended to read:

27 B. Specifications for vehicles to be acquired by the State, except that, no later than
28 January 1, 2050, all vehicles acquired must be electric vehicles; and

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill:

31 1. Establishes the Renewable Energy Program to promote the achievement of the
32 following goal: that, by January 1, 2050, 100% of the energy consumed in this State will
33 be supplied by renewable resources;

34 2. Directs that, no later than January 1, 2030, all electricity purchased by state
35 agencies must be supplied by renewable resources and that, no later than January 1, 2050,
36 all heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems in state-owned or state-leased
37 buildings must be electrical and the electricity must be supplied by renewable resources;
38 and

1 3. Directs that, no later than January 1, 2050, all vehicles acquired for the state
2 vehicle fleet must be electric vehicles.