

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Minority

**ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**132ND LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 57, L.D. 92, "An Act Regarding the Management of the Waste Components of a Solar Energy Development upon Decommissioning"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble.

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3491, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 300, §1, is further amended by amending the 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

"Decommissioning" includes: the grading to postconstruction grade and revegetation of all earth disturbed during construction and decommissioning, except for areas already restored; providing for the recycling of the waste components of the solar energy development that are recyclable, including, but not limited to, the solar panels, by a facility authorized to accept such materials for recycling and; providing for the disposal of the waste components of the solar energy development that are not recyclable by a facility authorized to accept such materials for disposal; and providing for the proper storage of the waste components of the solar energy development, including, but not limited to, damaged, unused or unwanted solar panels, in accordance with applicable laws and rules regulating the management and storage of solid waste if the waste components do not contain hazardous materials or, in accordance with applicable laws and rules regulating the management and storage of hazardous waste, if the waste components contain hazardous materials.

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency clause.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill and removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause. It amends the solar energy decommissioning laws by stipulating that the decommissioning of a solar energy development includes providing for the proper storage of the waste components of the solar energy development, including, but not limited to, damaged, unused or unwanted solar panels, in accordance with applicable laws and rules regulating the management and storage of solid waste if the waste components do not contain hazardous materials or, in accordance with applicable laws and rules regulating the management and storage of hazardous waste, if the waste components contain hazardous materials.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)



Approved: 03/07/25 **LRL**

# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 92

LR 428(02)

## An Act Regarding the Management of the Waste Components of a Solar Energy Development upon Decommissioning

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-133)  
Committee: Environment and Natural Resources  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Environmental Protection the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.