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**An Act to Use Certain Regional Transmission Organization
Payments for Beneficial Electrification to Reduce Electricity Rates**

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 19, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland and
Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: MALON of
Biddeford, RUNTE of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10103, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 306, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **4. Program funding.** The board may apply for and receive grants from municipal,
5 state, federal and private sources for deposit into appropriate program funds, including
6 funds for both residential and business programs. The board may deposit in appropriate
7 program funds the proceeds of any bonds issued for the purposes of programs administered
8 by the trust. The board may receive and shall deposit in appropriate program funds revenue
9 resulting from any forward capacity market or other capacity payments from ~~the~~ a regional
10 transmission organization ~~that may be attributable to those projects funded by those funds,~~
11 ~~except that, from fiscal year 2019-20 to fiscal year 2024-25, such payments must be used~~
12 to promote or to supplement incentives that support beneficial electrification measures that
13 are cost-effective and reliably reduce electricity rates over the life of the measures,
14 including high-performance air source heat pump technology and deposited in the Heating
15 Fuels Efficiency and Weatherization Fund established in section 10119 electric vehicles.
16 The board shall deposit into appropriate program funds revenue transferred to the trust from
17 the energy infrastructure benefits fund pursuant to Title 5, section 282, subsection 9 for use
18 in accordance with subsection 4-A. The board may also deposit any grants or other funds
19 received by or from any entity with which the trust has an agreement or contract pursuant
20 to this chapter if the board determines that receipt of those funds is consistent with the
21 purposes of this chapter.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill eliminates the limited time period that previously applied to the directive to
24 assign forward capacity market payments exclusively for heat pumps and adds electric
25 vehicles as an additional eligible use of the forward capacity market funds, while leaving
26 in place the authorization for these funds to be used for heat pumps as well. The bill also
27 updates language regarding the allowable use of forward capacity market funds to promote
28 beneficial electrification, to supplement incentives that support beneficial electrification
29 measures and to reliably reduce electricity rates.