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An Act to Require Petitions for Interstate Transmission Lines to Include Provisions for Conservation Funding

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 20, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 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 PIERCE of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport and
Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford,
KUHN of Falmouth.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§6-F** is enacted to read:

3 **6-F. High-impact electric transmission line; Land for Maine's Future.** For the
4 commission to determine that a petition filed under this section for approval to develop a
5 high-impact electric transmission line is sufficient, the petition must include a provision
6 for an annual payment to the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund established under Title
7 5, section 6203-D at a rate of \$10,000 per megawatt of the high-impact electric transmission
8 line's nameplate capacity, of which at least 20% must be directed to the Conservation Land
9 Management Fund established under Title 5, section 6203-F.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill requires that, for the Public Utilities Commission to determine a petition to
12 develop a high-impact electric transmission line sufficient, the petition must include a
13 provision for an annual payment to the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund at a rate of
14 \$10,000 per megawatt, of which at least 20% must be directed to the Conservation Land
15 Management Fund.