



## **132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE**

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2025

S.P. 357

In Senate, March 4, 2025

## An Act to Protect Maine's Scenic Beauty by Requiring Solar Panel Fields to Be Hidden from View

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Representative MCINTYRE of Lowell and Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, JAVNER of Chester, PAUL of Winterport, QUINT of Hodgdon, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §484, sub-§11 is enacted to read:
3	11. Special provisions; solar energy development. In the case of a solar energy
4	development, the proposed development will be surrounded by a barrier, which may
5	include, but is not limited to, a fence, trees, bushes or other vegetation. The barrier must be
6	designed to sufficiently conceal the solar energy development from view from abutting
7	properties, as determined by the department.
8	SUMMARY
9	This bill amends the site location of development laws to require that, prior to
10	approving a solar energy development proposal, the Department of Environmental
11	Protection find that the proposed development will be surrounded by a barrier designed to
12	sufficiently conceal the development from view from abutting properties.