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House of Representatives, March 18, 2025

An Act to Advance Long-duration Energy Storage Within the State

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and

Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, RUNTE of York, SACHS of Freeport, SATO of Gorham, TERRY of Gorham, WEBB of Durham, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3145, as amended by PL 2023, c. 374, §1, is further amended to read:

§3145. State energy storage policy goals

The state goal for energy storage system development is at least 300 megawatts of installed capacity located within the State by December 31, 2025 and at least 400 megawatts of installed capacity located within the State by December 31, 2030 and, additionally, at least 300 megawatts of long-duration battery storage within the State by December 31, 2035. Beginning January 1, 2024, and every 2 years thereafter, the Governor's Energy Office established in Title 2, section 9 may reevaluate and increase the state goal for energy storage system development and report that goal to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utilities matters. For the purposes of this section, "energy storage system" has the same meaning as in section 3481, subsection 6 and "long-duration battery storage" means energy storage using a commercially available battery technology capable of storing energy for 8 hours or more for use at a later time.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the law governing the State's energy storage goals by establishing an additional goal of developing at least 300 megawatts of long-duration battery storage within the State by December 31, 2035.