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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 496, L.D. 1207, "An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Monitor Air and Water Temperatures Around Commercial Solar Energy Developments"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Amend the Site Location of Development Laws to Require a 100-foot Buffer Between Solar Energy Developments and Rivers, Streams and Brooks'

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

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §484, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Special provision; solar energy development. In the case of a proposed solar energy development, the development will not be constructed within 100 feet of a river, stream or brook. This subsection does not apply to vegetation removal activities necessary for shade management or road or utility line crossings within 100 feet of a river, stream or brook.

As used in this subsection, "solar energy development" means a development that uses a solar energy system consisting of ground-mounted solar panels to convert solar energy to electrical energy and includes generating facilities and associated facilities.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the title of and replaces the bill. It amends the site location of development laws to provide that a proposed solar energy development may not be constructed within 100 feet of a river, stream or brook. That provision does not apply to

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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LD 1207

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**An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Monitor Air and Water
Temperatures Around Commercial Solar Energy Developments**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (5-65)

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

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