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S.P. 658

In Senate, April 15, 2025

An Act to Repeal the Dirigo Business Incentives Program

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210-E, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. J, §4, is further amended to read:

1. Discount rates. Transmission and distribution utilities may offer discounted rates to qualified Pine Tree Development Zone businesses established under Title 30-A and ~~qualified businesses with respect to the Dirigo business incentives program established under Title 36, section 5219-AAA.~~ If a transmission and distribution utility requires approval prior to offering any such rate, the transmission and distribution utility shall apply to the commission in accordance with applicable provisions of this Title, and the commission may approve the rate if it finds it to be in accord with applicable requirements of this Title, except that the commission may take into account the overall benefits to ratepayers resulting from state efforts to promote economic development.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶SSS, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. J, §7, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §5219-AAA, as amended by PL 2023, c. 631, §2, is repealed.

SUMMARY

This bill repeals the Dirigo business incentives program, which provides a tax credit to businesses that make eligible capital investments or provide qualified training to employees in certain business sectors.