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**CHAPTER 49
S.P. 306 - L.D. 792**

**Resolve, Regarding On-bill
Financing Programs for
Energy Efficiency**

Sec. 1. On-bill financing. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall examine options for and the feasibility of establishing an on-bill financing program for the purchase and installation of energy efficiency measures and energy-efficient technologies by small businesses. The commission may also consider on-bill financing options for residential electricity customers. The examination must include, but is not limited to:

1. Consultation with the Maine Small Business Development Centers;
2. A review of on-bill financing programs that have been established in other states;
3. An analysis of how on-bill financing could be integrated with the existing energy efficiency programs administered by the commission; and
4. An analysis of relevant policy and program implementation issues, including, but not limited to, participant eligibility requirements, incentives for participation, efficiency measures and technologies covered by the program, loan terms and conditions, risks for ratepayers and utilities, credit and collection issues, administrative costs and options for tying the loan to the property or electricity meter; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report; authority for legislation. Resolved: That, by January 15, 2010, the Public Utilities Commission shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy a report of its findings and recommendations pursuant to section 1. After receipt and review of the report, the committee may submit legislation concerning the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 50
H.P. 469 - L.D. 655**

**Resolve, Directing the
Department of Inland Fisheries
and Wildlife To Conduct a
Study To Enhance Maine's
Recreational Fishing Economy**

Sec. 1. Study of Maine's recreational fishing economy. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, referred to in this

resolve as "the commissioner," shall contract with outside experts to conduct a study of fishery management and marketing plans and programs in states that are major destinations for the nation's anglers and make recommendations that would expand Maine's recreational fishing economy; and be it further

Sec. 2. Procedures. Resolved: That a contract awarded pursuant to this resolve must be awarded in accordance with applicable state laws, rules and procedures relating to the purchase of services and awarding of contracts. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish a panel to assist in developing the scope of work under section 3 and evaluating and selecting a proposal. The panel must include appropriate department staff and up to 5 people representing statewide organizations with an interest in the management of fisheries and marketing of recreational fishing; and be it further

Sec. 3. Scope of work. Resolved: That the study under section 1 must include, but is not limited to, methods and programs other states used to:

1. Survey customer satisfaction;
2. Determine what anglers prefer with respect to fisheries;
3. Increase the sale of fishing licenses;
4. Establish accountability for fisheries programs and decisions;
5. Maximize the economic value of fish and fishing;
6. Expand angler opportunities and fisheries utilization; and
7. Market recreational fishing both in and out of state; and be it further

Sec. 4. Funding. Resolved: That the commissioner may accept grants and donations for the work required pursuant to this resolve and expend those funds as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this resolve. In the event that adequate funds are not secured, the commissioner may at the commissioner's discretion terminate this work; and be it further

Sec. 5. Report. Resolved: That the commissioner shall submit a report that includes any findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than January 15, 2010. That committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature on matters relating to the report.

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