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B. To the extent practicable, the center shall conduct its work in a manner that is open and accessible to the public.

C. The center may conduct its work through subcommittees.

4. Staff and administrative support. The institute shall provide staff as may be necessary to fulfill the center's mission and may seek assistance from other state agencies and private entities to accomplish the goals and work of the center.

5. Annual report. The center shall submit annually to the Governor, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters, no later than 120 days after the close of the center's fiscal year, a complete report on the activities of the center. The report must be made available to the public and must include the following for that fiscal year:

A. A description of the center's operations;

B. An accounting of the center's receipts and expenditures, assets and liabilities at the end of its fiscal year;

C. A listing of all investments, grants, loans and incentives provided by the center during the fiscal year;

D. A statement of the center's proposed and projected activities for the ensuing fiscal year; and

E. Recommendations regarding further actions that may be suitable for achieving the purposes of this subchapter.

After reviewing the report under this subsection, the joint standing committee may report out legislation relating to the report.

Sec. 5. Maine Life Sciences Innovation Center; interim report. The Maine Life Sciences Innovation Center established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 15331 shall submit an interim report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters no later than 180 days after all members of the center have been appointed pursuant to Title 5, section 15331, subsection 2. The interim report must include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. A description of the center's operations;

2. Proposed and projected activities for the ensuing fiscal year; and

3. Recommendations for future actions necessary to achieve the center's goals, including a recommendation regarding whether the center should be changed to a quasi-independent state entity.

After reviewing the report under this section, the joint standing committee may report out legislation relating to the report.

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CHAPTER 644

S.P. 676 - L.D. 1730

An Act to Make Small Plug-in Solar Generation Devices Accessible for All Maine Residents to Address the Energy Affordability Crisis

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3475 is enacted to read:

§3475. Plug-in photovoltaic and battery systems

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Eligible system" means a plug-in photovoltaic system or plug-in battery system with an export capacity of 1,200 watts or less that is:

(1) Listed or certified in accordance with UL 3700, the Outline of Investigation for Interactive Plug-in Photovoltaic Equipment and Systems, and any other applicable standards developed by UL LLC, formerly known as Underwriters Laboratories, or the National Electrical Code specific to plug-in photovoltaic systems and plug-in battery systems;

(2) Listed or certified in accordance with a standard comparable to UL 3700 from a nationally recognized testing laboratory; or

(3) Configured in accordance with the National Electrical Code that is adopted by rule by the Electricians' Examining Board, established in Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 13.

B. "Interconnection agreement" means an agreement between a person and a transmission and distribution utility governing the connection of an interconnecting generating facility to the transmission and distribution utility's system and the ongoing operation of the interconnecting generating facility after it is connected to the system.

C. "Plug-in battery system" means an alternating current-coupled energy storage device that:

(1) Connects to a retail electricity customer's electrical system wiring through a standard electrical outlet;

(2) Is capable of charging from or discharging to the electrical system to which it is connected independently of any photovoltaic system; and

(3) Is intended to offset on-site electricity consumption by the retail electricity customer, perform energy arbitrage or participate in grid-support operations.

D. "Plug-in photovoltaic system" means a photovoltaic generation device that:

(1) Connects to a retail customer's electrical system wiring through a standard electrical outlet in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of interconnected electric power sources established in the National Electrical Code that is adopted by rule by the Electricians' Examining Board, established in Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 13;

(2) Is intended primarily to offset part of the retail electricity customer's electricity consumption; and

(3) Uses inverters that are configured to shut off after 0.2 seconds if power is disrupted.

2. Authorization. Subject to the requirements of this section, a retail electricity customer may install and operate one or more eligible systems at the customer's service address for the purpose of offsetting on-site electricity consumption.

3. Capacity limitations. A retail electricity customer may install and operate one or more eligible systems with a combined inverter output of up to 420 watts, measured in alternating current, per service address. A retail electricity customer may install and operate plug-in photovoltaic systems and plug-in battery systems with combined inverter output exceeding 420 watts, but no more than 1,200 watts, per service address, as long as each system is installed by an electrician licensed in the State and uses a dedicated circuit with a single outlet and the customer complies with the notification requirement in subsection 5.

4. Net energy billing; prohibition. An eligible system installed and operated in accordance with the requirements of this section may not be used for net energy billing pursuant to sections 3209-A and 3209-B.

5. Notification for output exceeding 420 watts. A retail electricity customer that installs an eligible system in accordance with subsection 3 shall provide a notification to the transmission and distribution utility in whose service territory the eligible system is installed in a form prescribed by the commission within 30 days of installation. The notification must include, but is not limited to, the retail customer's service address, the inverter capacity of the eligible system and a statement that the retail electricity customer is in compliance with the requirements of this section. A transmission and distribution utility may not deny the installation of an eligible system that complies with the requirements of this section.

6. Prohibitions. A transmission and distribution utility may not require a retail electricity customer that installs or operates an eligible system in accordance with the requirements of this section to:

A. Obtain approval from the transmission and distribution utility prior to installation or operation;

B. Submit an interconnection application, execute an interconnection agreement or undergo an interconnection study in connection with the eligible system;

C. Pay any fee or charge to the transmission and distribution utility related to the eligible system; or

D. Install additional controls or equipment beyond what is integrated into the eligible system.

7. Liability. A transmission and distribution utility is not liable for any damage or injury caused by the installation or operation of an eligible system by a retail electricity customer in accordance with this section.

8. Structural and code compliance; installation or removal. A retail electricity customer that installs or operates an eligible system on or in a structure the customer does not own shall ensure that the installation or operation does not compromise the integrity of the structure or violate any state or local building, fire or zoning codes. Upon removal of an eligible system from a structure the customer does not own, the customer shall restore the structure to its condition prior to the installation.

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CHAPTER 645

S.P. 825 - L.D. 2007

An Act Regarding the Prohibition of Online Sweepstakes Games

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20006-B, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. AA, §24, is further amended to read:

1. Fund established. The Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established for the purpose of supporting gambling addiction analysis, prevention and treatment to be administered by the department. The fund is a dedicated, nonlapsing fund into which payments are received in accordance with Title 8, section