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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 876, L.D. 1081, Bill, "AN ACT to Encourage Pilot Projects using Solid Waste for Energy Production."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT to Conserve Fossil Fuels by Promoting the Construction of Facilities for the Burning of Solid Waste for Production of Thermal Energy'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§41 is enacted to read:

41. Solid waste fuel-burning facilities. Sale of any solid waste fuel-burning facility and any part thereof, or any materials for the construction of such a facility.

As used in this subsection:

A. "Facility" means any appliances, equipment, machinery, installation or structure used, or intended for use, in the preparation for burning and the burning solid waste fuel for the production of thermal energy for industrial use; and

B. "Solid waste fuel" means any material, other than primary fossil fuel, including without limitation, garbage, refuse, sludge from a waste treatment plant or air pollution control facility, sawdust, shavings, chips, bark, slabs or inert fill material.

Sec. 2. Application. The provisions of this Act shall apply to any facility, as defined herein, and any part or accessories thereof, and any material for construction thereof, which shall first become fully operable after the effective date of this Act whether such facility or part or accessories, or material for construction, thereof was purchased before or after the effective date of this Act.

Fiscal Note

This legislation  $\leftarrow$   $\rightarrow$  will result in an estimated loss of revenue to the General Fund of \$32,000 for fiscal year 1979-80 and \$53,000 for fiscal year 1980-81. It will also result in loss of revenue from the Dedicated Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund of \$1,332 for fiscal year 1979-80 and \$2,208 for fiscal<sup>year</sup> 1980-81.

Statement of Fact

This amendment replaces the original bill. It would conserve the use of fossil fuels by promoting and encouraging the construction of facilities to burn solid waste fuels for the production of thermal energy. This amendment would exempt the sale of such facilities from the sales and use tax by adding a new exemption to Title 36, section 1760.

The construction of facilities of the type described in this legislation would be a significant step in combating the existing energy shortage, which threatens to worsen, and would contribute significantly to the economy of the State of Maine.

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