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## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 110TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A " to H.P. 596, L.D. 673, Bill,
"AN ACT to Include Energy and Economic Considerations in
Assessing Proposals before the Land Use Regulation Commission,
the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department
of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and to Provide for Energy
and Economic Review of Certain State Standards."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following: 'AN ACT to Include Energy and Economic Considerations in Assessing Proposals before the Land Use Regulation Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.'

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

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §685-B, sub-§4, last ¶, as amended by PL 1973, c. 569, §11, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

The commission shall permit the applicant to provide evidence on the economic benefits of the proposal as well as the impact of the proposal on energy resources.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7777, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

The commissioner shall permit the applicant to provide evidence on the economic benefits of the proposal as well as the impact of the proposal on energy resources.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §484, 2nd ¶, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 240, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The board shall permit the applicant to provide evidence on the economic benefits of the proposal as well as the impact of the proposal on energy resources.'

## Statement of Fact

This amendment deletes the provisions of the bill requiring a weighing of economic benefits against environmental harm, and removes the section requiring a review of ambient air quality standards.

Reported by the Committee on Energy & Natural Resources. Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.