

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 372

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7 H.P. 313

House of Representatives, February 1, 1983

8 On Motion of Representative Hall of Sangerville referred to the Commit-  
9 tee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered  
10 printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative McHenry of Madawaska.

Cosponsor: Representative Theriault of Fort Kent.

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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Encourage the Use of Wind Power.  
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
20 follows:

21 36 MRSA §656, sub-§1, ¶I is enacted to read:

22 I. All wind energy systems installed after Janu-  
23 ary 1, 1981, are exempt from taxation when  
24 installed in residential buildings, multi-family  
25 residential buildings or commercial buildings.  
26 This exemption does not apply to any wind energy  
27 system that produces energy primary for resale.  
28 For purposes of this paragraph:

29 (1) "Commercial building" means any build-  
30 ing other than a residential or multi-family  
31 residential building which is used primarily  
32 to carry on a business, including any non-  
33 profit business, and is not used primarily

1 for the manufacture or production of raw  
2 materials, products or agricultural commodi-  
3 ties;

4 (2) "Multi-family residential building"  
5 means any building used as a residence which  
6 contains 5 or more dwelling units and has a  
7 system for heating;

8 (3) "Residential building" means any building  
9 used as a residence which contains not more  
10 than 4 dwelling units and has a system for  
11 heating; and

12 (4) "Wind energy system" means any machine  
13 or device which converts available wind  
14 energy into electrical or mechanical output  
15 form, including: The rotor; power processing  
16 components; the frame; control components;  
17 and associated energy storage devices.

18 STATEMENT OF FACT

19 The purpose of this bill is to conserve scarce  
20 energy resources and reduce dependence on central  
21 electric generating stations by encouraging the use  
22 of a renewable resource, wind power. It will not  
23 reduce the tax base in any municipality because it  
24 will only apply to newly installed systems, which  
25 have never been part of that tax base. It will indi-  
26 rectly save money for all the people of Maine by  
27 reducing the need for an expensive, new, central  
28 electric generating capacity.

29 The exemption does not apply to systems produc-  
30 ing energy primarily for resale. For a system pro-  
31 ducing primarily for on-site use, incidental resale  
32 of excess power to the connecting utility is permit-  
33 ted.

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