

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 465

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7 S.P. 173

In Senate, February 7, 1985

8 Submitted by the Office of Energy Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24.  
9 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent down  
for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Andrews of Cumberland.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Hayden of Durham, Representative  
Michaud of Medway and Senator Usher of Cumberland.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT to Establish a State Energy  
18 Efficiency Goal.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 5 MRSA §5004, sub-§3, ¶10 is enacted to read:

23 O. Prepare and pursue the implementation of a  
24 plan to attain a 15% reduction in energy use per  
25 dollar of gross state product to be accomplished  
26 between 1985 and 1990, to be presented as part of  
27 the energy resources plan due to the Governor and  
28 the Legislature by September 15, 1985 and to be  
29 periodically updated.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2           New energy related materials, practices and tech-  
3 nologies have resulted in significant opportunities  
4 to use energy more efficiently. Through the estab-  
5 lishment of the specific goal of reducing energy con-  
6 sumption per dollar of gross state product by 15% by  
7 the year 1990, the State makes a commitment to in-  
8 creased efficiency that will result in substantial  
9 economic benefits to Maine residents.

10           Based on 1982 energy consumption figures, the 15%  
11 reduction would result in savings of approximately  
12 \$300,000,000 annually. This would result in a  
13 stronger state economy, the creation of hundreds of  
14 jobs, decreased vulnerability to oil supply disrup-  
15 tion and price increases, increased competitiveness  
16 and financial solvency of Maine industry, reduce en-  
17 ergy costs and a more comfortable living environment  
18 for Maine residents.

19           The purpose of the goal is to focus attention on  
20 the substantial energy savings that could result from  
21 conservation efforts. The goal would provide a con-  
22 text for a variety of conservation programs currently  
23 in place.

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