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House of Representatives, February 27, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SIMONDS of Cape Elizabeth.

Cosponsored by Representative HEESCHEN of Wilton, Representative MARSH of West Gardiner and Representative MITCHELL of Freeport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Develop Integrated, Long-range, Ecologically Sound State
Energy and Transportation Policies.**

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

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4 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶K, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. DD, §12, is amended to read:

6 K. Coordinate the development of an integrated, long-range,
8 and ecologically sound energy and transportation policy,
including:

10 (1) Collecting and analyzing energy data in all
12 sectors and from all available energy sources in the
14 State. The director shall afford confidential
16 treatment to information, documents and data dealing
with sales of individual companies that are engaged in
the wholesale and retail trade of petroleum products in
the State, upon request of the individual companies;

18 (2) Preparation of an energy and transportation
resources plan to be submitted to the Governor and the
20 Legislature every 2 years that includes a description
22 of historical energy demand by end-use sector and
energy resources used to meet that demand and a
24 forecast of energy demand by end-use sector for the
next 5 years, 10 years and 20 years, which shall must
include an electric and gas forecast; and which must:

26 (a) Set specific goals for the reduction of
28 fossil fuel consumption by a specific date;

30 (b) Provide estimates of the impact of such
32 reductions on air quality and other natural
resources; and

34 (c) Establish coordinated transportation and
36 energy conservation planning policies;

38 (3) Encouragement and direction or sponsorship of
research, experiments and demonstration projects within
40 the State to develop alternate energy sources,
particularly, but not limited to, these transportation
42 efficiency improvements and energy sources that rely on
renewable natural resources of the State, such as solar
44 energy, water of tides and rivers, forests, winds and
other sources which to date have not been fully
46 explored or utilized; and

48 (4) Provision of conservation alternatives to proposed
new electric and fossil fuel power generating plants,
50 and transportation, and assessment of the long-term and
short-term energy savings realized by the conservation
52 alternatives.

2 The policy must identify the total societal costs of
4 alternative energy sources needed to meet the State's energy
6 needs for the planning period, taking into account both the
8 direct and environmental costs and the benefits of each
energy source examined, and adopt a total societal
least-cost energy plan for the State, including maximum
reductions in use of fossil fuels and emissions of carbon
dioxide, sulfur dioxide and nitric oxide.

10 The policy must also identify state laws, rules or other
12 policies and existing marketing forces that currently
14 prevent the realization of a total societal least-cost
16 energy plan. The plan includes recommended changes to
existing laws, rules and taxing policies and identifies
practicable financial incentives to encourage realization of
a least-cost energy future for the State.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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22 This bill requires the State Planning Office to include
24 transportation planning, goals for the reduction of fossil fuel
26 consumption and environmental impact analyses among the items to
be addressed in the State's comprehensive energy resource plan.
The State Planning Office is required to prepare and submit the
plan to the Governor and the Legislature every 2 years.