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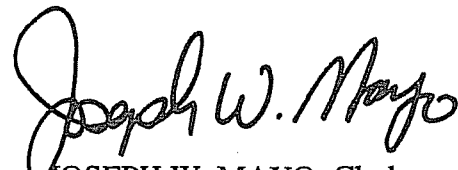
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No. 102

H.P. 72

House of Representatives, January 21, 1993

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HOLT of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representative GRAY of Sedgwick, Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Senator TITCOMB of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Energy Policy of the State.

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

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Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3191, as amended by PL 1991, c. 769, §2,
is further amended to read:

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§3191. Energy policy

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The Legislature finds that it is in the best interests of the State to ensure that Maine and its electric utilities pursue a least-cost energy plan. The Legislature further finds that a least-cost energy plan takes into account many factors, including environmental impact, cost, risk, diversity of supply and all available alternatives, including purchases of power from Canadian sources. When the available alternatives are otherwise equivalent, the commission shall give preference first to conservation and demand management, including interruptible capacity resources, and then to power purchased from qualifying facilities. Nothing in this section is intended to modify the commission's authority under section 3133, subsection 9.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill ensures that the environmental impact is one of the factors that must be considered in a least-cost energy plan.