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H.P. 626

House of Representatives, February 2, 1999

**An Act to Amend the Renewable Portfolio Standard to Promote Maine's
Renewable Energy Facilities.**

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and
Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, FRECHETTE of Biddeford, JOY of Crystal,
MENDROS of Lewiston, O'NEIL of Saco, SAXL of Portland, WHEELER of Eliot, Senator:
NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

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316, §3, is amended to read:

6 B. Qualifies as a qualifying cogeneration facility under
7 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission rules, 18 Code of
8 Federal Regulations, Part 292, Subpart B, as in effect on
9 January 1, 1997 and, was constructed prior to January 1,
10 1997 and relies on any of the fuels listed under paragraph
11 C; or

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13 Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1997, c.
14 316, §3, is amended to read:

15 3. Portfolio requirements. As a condition of licensing
16 pursuant to section 3203, each competitive electricity provider
17 in this State must demonstrate in a manner satisfactory to the
18 commission that no less than 30% of its portfolio of supply
19 sources for each retail electricity sales product sold to
20 consumers in this State are is accounted for by renewable
21 resources. By January 1, 1999, the commission shall
22 provisionally adopt rules establishing reasonable procedures for
23 implementing this requirement. Rules adopted under this
24 subsection are major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5,
25 chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

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SUMMARY

This bill amends the electric industry restructuring laws as follows.

1. It amends the definition of "renewable resource" to exclude cogeneration facilities that use fossil fuels.

2. It changes the renewable resource portfolio standard to require that at least 30% of a provider's portfolio of electricity supplies for each retail electricity product sold to consumers in this State is accounted for by renewable resources.