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## 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 495

S.P. 151

In Senate, February 6, 2001

An Act to Amend the Small Power Production and Cogeneration Laws.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

2 Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3302, sub-§§1 and 2, as enacted by PL 1987. c. 141, Pt. A, §6, are amended to read: Encourage development. Encourage the development of 6 energy producing systems using renewable resources+\_ particularly abundant, indigenous, renewable resources or resources in close 8 proximity to Maine; and 10 2. Promote existing use. Promote the more efficient use of 12 existing energy systems particularly, through the cogeneration of power+; and 14 Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3302, sub-§3 is enacted to read: 16 3. Meet goals. Require that the commission ensure that the 18 goals of this section will be met following the restructuring of the electric utility industry by: 20 A. Proposing market rules and transmission pricing policies 22 and practices at the regional and federal levels that encourage the generation and sale of electricity from the 24 State's renewable power producers and cogenerators; 26 Opposing market rules and proposed transmission pricing policies and practices that place the State's renewable 28 power producers and cogenerators at a competitive disadvantage compared with nonrenewable power generators; and 30 C. Implementing the State's electric industry restructuring 32 laws and other provisions of this Title in a manner that promotes generation of electricity from the State's 34 indigenous renewable resources and cogeneration. 36 SUMMARY

The State's small power production and cogeneration laws clarify the Legislature's intent to encourage the development and promote the use of the State's renewable energy resources to generate electricity for fuel diversity and economic and environmental benefits. This bill charges the Public Utilities Commission with carrying out the Legislature's intent in positions the commission takes at regional and federal forums and as the commission implements the State's electric industry restructuring laws.

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