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UTILITIES AND ENERGY

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT 'A' to S.P. 407, L.D. 1261, Bill, "An Act To Support Clean and Efficient Energy for the Future of Maine's Economy and Environment"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Direct the Public Utilities Commission To Examine Certain Issues Relating to Energy Efficiency'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Public Utilities Commission examination of program to encourage use of energy-efficient products. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall investigate the feasibility and design of a program that would provide incentives to residential and commercial consumers to purchase and install energy-efficient appliances or that would establish energy efficiency standards. The commission shall analyze which energy-efficient products should be included in any program; possible incentive mechanisms such as rebates, grants, low-interest loans or other financial incentives; program costs and benefits; funding sources; and the advantages and disadvantages of implementing any recommended program. The commission shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters no later than January 30, 2005.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy, replaces the bill with a resolve relating to a major subject of the bill: energy-efficient product standards. It replaces the title to reflect this change. It directs the Public Utilities Commission to undertake an examination of the feasibility and possible design of a program that would provide incentives for residential and commercial consumers to purchase and install energy-efficient appliances or that would establish energy efficiency standards. The commission is directed to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters by January 30, 2005.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

Approved: 02/26/04 *MRC*

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



LD 1261

**An Act To Support Clean and Efficient Energy for the Future of Maine's
Economy and Environment**

LR 1317(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Majority Report

A

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds