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House of Representatives, January 11, 2005

An Act To Promote Sound Science in Climate Change Policy

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative JOY of Crystal.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, CARR of Lincoln,
CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, FLETCHER of Winslow, JODREY of Bethel, SHERMAN of
Hodgdon, VAUGHAN of Durham, Senator: NASS of York.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §579** is enacted to read:

6 **§579. Rules designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions**

8 When adopting rules designed to reduce greenhouse gas
10 emissions, the department shall issue an estimate, calculated
12 using sound scientific information and methods, of:

14 1. Reduction in global warming. The amount of global
16 warming that will be prevented by the reduction in greenhouse gas
18 emissions; and

20 2. Costs. The costs associated with the reduction in
22 greenhouse gas emissions, including the impact on the prices of
24 gasoline, diesel fuel, electricity, heating oil and propane.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill requires that, when the Department of
30 Environmental Protection adopts rules designed to reduce
32 greenhouse gas emissions, the department must issue an estimate
34 of the amount of global warming that will be prevented and the
36 costs that will result from the rules requiring reduction in
greenhouse gas emissions.