

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2005

Legislative Document

No. 1057

S.P. 374

In Senate, March 1, 2005

An Act To Establish and Implement the Maine STEP-UP Program

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative DAIGLE of Arundel.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §343-I** is enacted to read:

6 **§343-I. Smart Tracks for Exceptional Performers and
Upward Performers Program**

8 The Smart Tracks for Exceptional Performers and Upward
10 Performers Program, known as "the STEP-UP Program" and referred
12 to in this section as "the program," is established within the
14 department and administered by the commissioner. In cooperation
16 with program participants, the department shall establish
18 guidelines for the program. The department shall create a
20 contractual relationship between the commissioner and state
22 organizations and businesses to achieve sustainability
24 objectives, including energy and natural resources conservation.
26 For the purposes of the program, "sustainability" means meeting
the needs of the present without compromising the ability of
future generations to meet their needs. The program must include
a variety of sustainability tracks and goals and must be
publicized at local and state levels. Beginning January 2006 and
biennially thereafter, the department shall report to the joint
standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
natural resources matters on the status of the program, progress
toward meeting goals and recommended changes to improve the
program.

28 **SUMMARY**

30 **This bill establishes the Smart Tracks for Exceptional**
32 **Performers and Upward Performers Program within the Department of**
34 **Environmental Protection. It requires a contractual relationship**
36 **between state organizations and businesses and the Commissioner**
of Environmental Protection to achieve sustainability objectives,
including energy and natural resources conservation. The bill
also defines sustainability.