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10 **STATE OF MAINE**
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12 **122ND LEGISLATURE**
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

14 HOUSE AMENDMENT **A** to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 999,
16 L.D. 1435, Bill, "An Act Establishing Minimum Energy Efficiency
Standards for Certain Products Sold or Installed in the State"

18 Amend the amendment by inserting after the 2nd paragraph
20 after the title the following:

22 'Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
24 "**§3602.**" in subsection 1 in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 6, lines
45 and 46 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "testing,
26 certification and enforcement" and inserting in its place the
following: 'testing and certification'

28 Further amend the amendment by striking out everything after
the 4th paragraph after the title and before the summary and
30 inserting in its place the following:

32 'Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of
those parts designated "**§3603.**" to "**§3606.**"

34 Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 to
36 4 and inserting in their place the following:

38 '**Sec. 2. Rulemaking; energy efficiency standards; rebates.** No
later than January 1, 2006, the Public Utilities Commission shall
40 adopt rules regarding efficiency standards and rebates for
products listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A,
42 section 3602, subsection 1 and referred to in this section as
"covered products." Rules adopted pursuant to this section are
44 routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,

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2 subchapter 2-A. For purposes of this section, "energy-efficient
4 products" means covered products that meet or exceed the energy
6 efficiency standards developed pursuant to subsection 1 of this
8 section.

6 1. The Public Utilities Commission shall adopt rules that
8 establish efficiency standards for covered products. The
10 commission may not require the purchase of energy-efficient
12 products or prohibit the purchase or installation of covered
14 products that do not meet the energy efficiency standards.

12 2. The Public Utilities Commission shall adopt rules to
14 implement a program to provide rebates to persons who purchase
16 energy-efficient products. In establishing a rebate amount for
18 an energy-efficient product, the commission shall make a
20 reasonable effort to provide an amount that equalizes the price
22 difference between energy-efficient products and those covered
24 products that do not meet the energy efficiency standards
developed pursuant to subsection 1 of this section. Funding for
the rebates must be made available from the conservation program
fund established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
35-A, section 3211-A, subsection 5. The commission shall
advertise the program, including the amount of the rebates and
the process for obtaining a rebate.'

SUMMARY

28 This amendment strikes those provisions of the bill that
30 require all covered products sold or installed in this State
32 after January 1, 2007 and January 1, 2008, respectively, to meet
34 or exceed energy efficiency standards developed by the Public
36 Utilities Commission. Instead, this amendment requires the
38 commission to develop energy efficiency standards for covered
40 products by routine technical rulemaking. A person who purchases
42 a covered product that meets or exceeds the energy efficiency
standards developed by the commission would be eligible for a
rebate in an amount determined by the commission. The commission
is required to set a rebate amount for each covered product that
attempts to equalize the price difference between
energy-efficient products and those products that do not meet the
energy efficiency standards.

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