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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§3601.~~" by striking out all of subsections 5 and 6 (page 1, lines 31 to 45 in L.D.)'

Further amend the amendment in the first paragraph after the title in the first line (page 1, line 23 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Amend" and inserting in its place the following: 'Further amend'

Further amend the amendment by inserting after the 2nd paragraph after the title the following:

'Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§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, certification and enforcement" and inserting in its place the following: 'testing and certification'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§3602.~~" in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph B (page 7, line 3 in L.D.)'

Further amend the amendment by inserting after the 3rd paragraph after the title the following:

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2 'Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
3 "~~§3602.~~" in subsection 1 in paragraph R in the first line (page
4 7, line 35 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "modules;"
5 the following: 'and'

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7 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
8 "~~§3602.~~" in subsection 1 in paragraph S in the first line (page
9 7, line 37 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "; and" and
10 inserting in its place the following: '.'

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12 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
13 "~~§3602.~~" in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph T (page
14 7, lines 39 and 40 in L.D.)'

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

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

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23 Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 to
24 4 and inserting in their place the following:

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26 '**Sec. 2. Rulemaking; energy efficiency standards; rebates.** No
27 later than January 1, 2006, the Public Utilities Commission shall
28 adopt rules regarding efficiency standards and rebates for
29 products listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A,
30 section 3602, subsection 1 and referred to in this section as
31 "covered products." Rules adopted pursuant to this section are
32 routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
33 subchapter 2-A. For purposes of this section, "energy-efficient
34 products" means covered products that meet or exceed the energy
35 efficiency standards developed pursuant to subsection 1 of this
36 section.

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38 1. The Public Utilities Commission shall adopt rules that
39 establish efficiency standards for covered products. The
40 commission may not require the purchase of energy-efficient
41 products or prohibit the purchase or installation of covered
42 products that do not meet the energy efficiency standards.

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44 2. The Public Utilities Commission shall adopt rules to
45 implement a program to provide rebates to persons who purchase
46 energy-efficient products. In establishing a rebate amount for
47 an energy-efficient product, the commission shall make a
48 reasonable effort to provide an amount that equalizes the price
49 difference between energy-efficient products and those covered
50 products that do not meet the energy efficiency standards

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2 developed pursuant to subsection 1 of this section. Funding for
the rebates must be made available from the conservation program
4 fund established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
35-A, section 3211-A, subsection 5 and is limited to \$500,000 per
6 year. The commission shall advertise the program, including the
amount of the rebates and the process for obtaining a rebate.' '

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SUMMARY

12 This amendment incorporates the substance of House Amendment
"A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-370), which strikes those
14 provisions of the bill that require all covered products sold or
installed in this State after January 1, 2007 and January 1,
16 2008, respectively, to meet or exceed energy efficiency standards
developed by the Public Utilities Commission and requires the
18 commission to develop energy efficiency standards for covered
products by routine technical rulemaking. A person who purchases
20 a covered product that meets or exceeds the energy efficiency
standards developed by the commission would be eligible for a
22 rebate in an amount determined by the commission. The commission
is required to set a rebate amount for each covered product that
24 attempts to equalize the price difference between
energy-efficient products and those products that do not meet the
energy efficiency standards. Funding for the rebate program is
26 limited to \$500,000 per year.

28 This amendment also removes ceiling fans and ceiling fan
light kits from the list of covered products for which the
30 commission is directed to develop energy efficiency standards.

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SPONSORED BY: *Janice Twomey*
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TOWN: Biddeford

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

HOUSE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/18/05 *MAC*

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LR 1179(13)

An Act Establishing Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards for Certain Products Sold or Installed in the State

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Twoomey

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to develop and implement a rebate program will require expenditures from the conservation program fund. The impact on fund resources will depend on the rules adopted by the Commission, but is limited to a maximum of \$500,000 per year.