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**An Act To Require the Department of Environmental Protection To
Meet the Federal Requirements on Regional Haze Visibility
Impairment**

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 that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor and
Senator: TURNER of Cumberland, Representative: RECTOR of Thomaston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §603-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 504, §10, is
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Scope.** This section ~~shall apply~~ applies to those fuel-burning sources in the State
5 ~~which~~ that are not required to achieve the lower emission rates of new source
6 performance standards or as required to satisfy the case-by-case requirements of best
7 available control technology or best available retrofit technology.

8 **Sec. 2. Report.** The Department of Environmental Protection shall report to the
9 Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources no later than March 1, 2008 with a plan
10 to meet federal requirements on regional haze. The plan must contain, but is not limited
11 to, an analysis of baseline conditions and estimate of natural visibility conditions,
12 reasonable progress goals for visibility improvement, an assessment of best available
13 retrofit technology and a recommendation of those measures necessary to meet
14 reasonable progress toward the goal of achieving natural visibility. The Joint Standing
15 Committee on Natural Resources may report out legislation on these issues to the Second
16 Regular Session the 123rd Legislature.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection to report to the
19 Legislature on its plan to meet the federal requirements on regional haze visibility
20 impairment no later than March 1, 2008.