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Date: 5-18-07

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 447, L.D. 1284, Bill, "An Act To Create the Energy Independence Act"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Regarding the Organization and Administration of Energy Policy Responsibilities within State Government'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. State energy policy office; review and recommendations. Resolved: That the Executive Department, Office of Energy Independence and Security, in consultation with the Energy Resources Council and the State Planning Office, shall conduct a review of the current policy-making and administrative structures and functions within State Government relating to energy policy and, on the basis of this review, develop recommendations regarding the organization of these structures and functions within a clearly defined statutory framework that provides for well-coordinated and efficient formulation, management and administration of state energy policy. The review must include, but is not limited to, a comprehensive examination of the various energy-related powers, duties, responsibilities and programs that currently exist in various departments and offices of State Government and their associated budgets and staffing requirements. The recommendations must address the statutory establishment of an office or other entity within State Government dedicated to the development and implementation of energy policy and the administrative and fiscal implications of and justification for various options for such an office or entity; and be it further

Sec. 2. Energy independence policy initiatives. Resolved: That the Executive Department, Office of Energy Independence and Security shall, as part of the review and recommendations required under section 1, consider how the State may advance the development of new energy independence policy initiatives to support

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1 biofuels, renewable energy, cogeneration and green communities that reduce reliance on
2 fossil fuels and increase reliance on renewable energy; and be it further

3 **Sec. 3. Report; legislation. Resolved:** That, by January 1, 2008, the Executive
4 Department, Office of Energy Independence and Security shall submit a report regarding
5 the review required by section 1, including its findings and recommendations, to the Joint
6 Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy. The report must include draft legislation to
7 implement the recommendations. After its review of the report, the joint standing
8 committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature
9 relating to the subject matter of this resolve.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment directs the
12 Executive Department, Office of Energy Independence and Security to conduct a review
13 of the current policy-making and administrative structures and functions within State
14 Government relating to energy policy and to develop recommendations regarding the
15 organization of energy-related responsibilities within a clearly defined statutory
16 framework that provides for well-coordinated and efficient formulation, management and
17 administration of state energy policy. The amendment directs the office to consider, as
18 part of its review, ideas for advancing the development of energy independence policy
19 initiatives to support biofuels, renewable energy, cogeneration and green communities.
20 The amendment requires the office to submit a report and recommendations to the Joint
21 Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy by January 1, 2008 and authorizes the joint
22 standing committee to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd
23 Legislature.

24 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
25 (See attached)



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LD 1284

LR 357(02)

An Act To Create the Energy Independence Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Utilities and Energy
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs associated with implementation of this legislation can be absorbed by the Office of Energy Independence and Security within the Executive Department utilizing existing budgeted resources.