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An Act To Fight Global Warming Effects in the State

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 STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §350** is enacted to read:

3 **§350. Assessment reports**

4 The department shall release biennially an extensive assessment report on emissions
5 data in the State. The report must estimate the emission reductions from the State's clean
6 energy programs, incorporating those reductions into air quality programs, and evaluate
7 and report on the emission reduction benefits of the clean energy programs and policies.

8 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §441, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

9 **4. Training.** The code enforcement officer shall attend training sessions about
10 energy efficiency that are created by the United States Department of Energy, Office of
11 Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

12 **Sec. 3. Appliance standards.** The Public Utilities Commission shall adopt rules
13 establishing minimum efficiency standards for sale and installation of appliances not
14 covered under federal standards. For the purpose of this section, the appliances not
15 covered under federal law are dry-type transformers, commercial refrigerators and
16 freezers, exit signs, traffic signals, torchiere lamps, set-top boxes, unit heaters and
17 commercial washers. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules as
18 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

19 **Sec. 4. Request federal waiver.** The Department of Environmental Protection
20 shall apply for a federal waiver before 2009 to enact the Maine Department of
21 Environmental Protection's Draft Rules Chapter 127, "New Motor Vehicle Emission
22 Standards Regulation 2005-202, Greenhouse Gas Vehicle Emission Standards." The
23 department shall provide reports to the Legislature by April 15, 2008 regarding its
24 progress in applying for and securing the waiver.

25 **Sec. 5. Carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions.** The Department of
26 Transportation and the Department of Environmental Protection shall together examine
27 and evaluate the carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions data available and develop
28 a report to assist in incorporating that data into decision-making alternatives concerning
29 state policy and rules in those departments.

30 **Sec. 6. Pay-as-you-drive pilot programs.** The Department of Professional and
31 Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance is directed to review pilot programs of pay-as-
32 you-drive insurance in other states and establish a pilot program in this State that would
33 base a vehicle's premiums on how much it is driven. The bureau shall provide reports to
34 the Legislature by April 15, 2008 regarding its progress in the program in the State.

35 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill does the following to fight global warming effects in the State:

1 1. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection to report biennially on
2 emissions and emissions reduction in the State and it directs the department to apply for a
3 federal waiver to enact its draft rules concerning new motor vehicle emission standards.

4 2. It requires code enforcement officers to attend any training sessions about energy
5 efficiency that are created by the United States Department of Energy, Office of Energy
6 Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

7 3. It requires the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules establishing minimum
8 efficiency standards for sale and installation of appliances not covered under federal
9 standards.

10 4. It requires the Department of Transportation and the Department of Environmental
11 Protection to examine and evaluate the carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions in
12 the State for incorporation into decision-making alternatives.