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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1290,  
L.D. 1851, Bill, "An Act To Establish the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Act of  
2007"

Amend the amendment after the 2nd occurrence of section 1 by inserting after  
subsection 20-B the following:

'Sec. 2. 5 MRSa §12004-I, sub-§74-E is enacted to read:

74-E.

<u>Public Utilities</u>	<u>Maine Nuclear</u>	<u>Not Authorized</u>	<u>35-A MRSa</u>
	<u>Power Council</u>		<u>§10009</u>

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 11 the following:

'Sec. 12. 35-A MRSa §10009 is enacted to read:

§10009. Maine Nuclear Power Council

1. Appointment; composition. The Maine Nuclear Power Council, referred to in  
this section as "the council" and established in Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 74-E,  
consists of 7 appointed members:

- A. A member representing a utility company, appointed by the Governor;
- B. A member representing a power generator, appointed by the Governor;
- C. A member representing a transmission and distribution utility, appointed by the Governor;
- D. A member from the Public Utilities Commission, recommended by the Public Utilities Commission;
- E. The director of the Governor's office of energy independence and security;
- F. The State Nuclear Safety Advisor from the Office of the Public Advocate; and
- G. A member from the Independent Energy Producers of Maine or its successor.

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "b" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1290, L.D. 1851

1 2. Term. A member serves for a 3-year term and continues serving until a successor  
2 is duly appointed and qualified. A vacancy of a member before the expiration of a  
3 member's term must be filled in the same manner as the original member for the  
4 unexpired portion of the member's term.

5 3. Quorum. A quorum is a majority of the current members of the council.

6 4. Chair and officers. The council shall annually elect one of its members to serve  
7 as chair. The council may select other officers and designate their duties.

8 5. Meetings. The council shall meet at least 6 times a year. It may also meet at  
9 other times at the call of the chair or the chair's designee.

10 6. Duties. The council shall explore the need for carbon-free alternatives for power  
11 generation such as nuclear power in the State to lessen the State's dependency on foreign  
12 oil sources. The council shall facilitate the planning for and locating and study of the  
13 environmental impacts for the construction of a nuclear power facility and coordinate and  
14 expedite compliance with appropriate federal requirements.

15 7. Staffing. When available, the staffs of the members represented on the council  
16 may assist the council in carrying out its functions and duties within their existing  
17 resources.

18 8. Report. No later than January 15th of each year, the council shall report to the  
19 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters with  
20 regard to measures required to lessen the State's dependency on foreign oil sources. The  
21 committee is authorized to submit any necessary legislation regarding the council's  
22 report.'

23 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter  
24 or section number to read consecutively.

25 SUMMARY

26 This amendment establishes the Maine Nuclear Power Council to explore the need  
27 for carbon-free alternatives for power generation.

28 SPONSORED BY: 

29 (Representative WALKER)

30 TOWN: Lincolnville



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1851

LR 2605(07)

**An Act To Establish the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Act of 2007**

**Fiscal Note for House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A"**

**Sponsor: Rep. Walker of Lincolnville**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment establishes the Maine Nuclear Power Council. Members of the council are not authorized to receive compensation. Staff of the council members from the Public Utilities Commission, the Governor's office of energy independence and security and the Office of the Public Advocate are authorized to provide staffing when available and within their available resources.