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An Act To Encourage Renewable Energy Investment

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot and
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CLEARY of Houlton, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor,
Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PIOTTI of Unity, SMITH of Monmouth, VALENTINO of
Saco, WRIGHT of Berwick.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5250-O, sub-§1** is enacted to read:

3 **1. Renewable energy producers.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this
4 subchapter, the commissioner may certify a business that does not otherwise qualify as a
5 qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business or that does not locate in a Pine Tree
6 Development Zone as qualified to receive Pine Tree Development Zone benefits if the
7 business:

8 A. Is engaged in the production of renewable energy onshore or offshore, or in the
9 manufacture of component parts necessary for the production of renewable energy
10 onshore or offshore; and

11 B. Demonstrates to the commissioner that the establishment or expansion of
12 operations of the business would not occur within the State absent the availability of
13 the Pine Tree Development Zone benefits.

14 The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection, including, but not limited
15 to, adopting rules to define "production of renewable energy" and "manufacture of
16 component parts." Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules
17 as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill authorizes the State to provide the benefits of Pine Tree Development Zones
20 to businesses producing renewable energy onshore or offshore or manufacturing
21 component parts necessary for the production of renewable energy onshore or offshore.