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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

124TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 455, L.D. 1222, Bill, "An Act To Promote Geothermal Energy in the State"

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

'Resolve, To Promote Geothermal Energy'

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

'Sec. 1. Policies to promote the use of geothermal energy. Resolved: That the Executive Department, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security shall examine policy options and develop recommendations to promote and provide incentives for the installation of residential geothermal heating and cooling systems, particularly in multifamily residences. The Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security shall, at a minimum, consult with the Maine State Housing Authority and the Efficiency Maine Trust in its examination under this section; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report; legislation. Resolved: That, by January 15, 2011, the Executive Department, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations under section 1, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters. After its review of the report, the joint standing committee may submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature relating to the report.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill, which was a concept draft, with a resolve. The amendment directs the Executive Department, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security to examine policy options and develop recommendations to promote and provide incentives for the installation of residential geothermal heating and cooling systems, particularly in multifamily residences. It requires the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security by January 15, 2011 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including draft legislation, to the joint standing committee of the

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- 1 Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters and authorizes the
- 2 committee to submit a bill relating to the report to the First Regular Session of the 125th
- 3 Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1222

LR 80(02)

An Act To Promote Geothermal Energy in the State

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

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill directs the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security to develop recommendations and provide incentives for geothermal heating/cooling systems and requires a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature. These costs, as well as additional costs to Efficiency Maine Trust and the Maine State Housing Authority related to consultation on the above matters can be absorbed by the respective departments within existing budgeted resources.