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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1098, L.D. 1556, "Resolve, To Review Certification Requirements for Installation of Solar Energy Systems"

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

'Resolve, To Review Certification Requirements for Installation of Solar Photovoltaic Systems'

Amend the resolve in the emergency preamble in the 3rd paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "energy" and inserting the following: 'photovoltaic'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 16 to 21 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Certification requirements reviewed. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission, energy programs division shall review the installation qualifications required for a rebate for solar photovoltaic systems under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3211-C, subsection 2, paragraph A, subparagraph (2) and evaluate whether those rebate program requirements are necessary and appropriate for ensuring safe and proper installation of solar photovoltaic systems, with particular attention to the requirement of certification by a North American board of certified energy practitioners. The division shall consider the appropriateness of a requirement based on a photovoltaic entry-level exam offered by a North American board of certified energy practitioners; and be it further'

SUMMARY

This amendment limits the scope of the review of installation requirements for solar rebates to the installation requirements for solar photovoltaic systems. The amendment also requires the Public Utilities Commission, energy programs division to give specific attention to the requirement of certification by a North American board of certified energy practitioners and consider a requirement based on an entry-level exam for solar photovoltaic installations.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 02/03/10 *MAC*

124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1556

LR 2346(02)

Resolve, To Review Certification Requirements for Installation of Solar Energy Systems

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This Resolve directs the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to review the installation qualifications required for a rebate for photovoltaic energy systems to evaluate whether the rebate program requirements are necessary and appropriate to ensure the safe and proper installation of such systems. The PUC is to report its findings/recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolve. Any additional costs can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.