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

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2009. Referred to the Committee on Utilities and Energy pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Presented by Representative NELSON of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAIN of Orono, DOSTIE of Sabattus, HASKELL of Portland, McCABE of Skowhegan, WAGNER of Lyman, Senators: DAVIS of Cumberland, HOBBINS of York.

1 Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and 3 Whereas, during these hard economic times, solar and wind energy systems could 4 alleviate financial hardships arising from the operation of heating and cooling systems for personal residences and businesses; and 5 6 Whereas, this resolve would require a thorough review to ascertain that the State's 7 requirements under the solar and wind energy rebate program are appropriate for ensuring 8 proper installation of solar energy systems; and 9 Whereas, this review must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that 10 the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to this 11 legislative session; and 12 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 13 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 14 15 therefore, be it 16 Sec. 1. Certification requirements reviewed. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission, energy programs division shall review the qualifications required 17 18 for a rebate for installation of solar energy systems under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3211-C, subsection 2 and report whether those rebate program 19 requirements are appropriate for ensuring proper installation of solar energy systems; and 20 be it further 21 22 Sec. 2. Report and recommended actions to be made. Resolved: That the 23 Public Utilities Commission, energy programs division shall report its findings and recommendations under section 1, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing 24 25 Committee on Utilities and Energy within 30 days of the effective date of this resolve. The Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy may introduce a bill to implement 26 the recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. 27 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 28 29 legislation takes effect when approved. 30 SUMMARY 31 This resolve directs the Public Utilities Commission, energy programs division to 32 review the qualifications required for a rebate for installation of solar energy systems 33 under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3211-C, subsection 2 and report to

the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy with recommendations on whether

those requirements are appropriate for ensuring proper installation of solar energy systems. The report is due within 30 days of the effective date of this resolve, and the

committee is authorized to introduce a bill on this matter to the Second Regular Session

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of the 124th Legislature.