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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
124TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1160, L.D. 1632, Bill, "An Act To Establish Biofuel and Ultra-low Sulfur Requirements for Number 2 Home Heating Oil"

Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and replacing it with the following:

'Resolve, Regarding Biofuel in Number 2 Heating Oil'

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the substitute title and before the summary and inserting the following:

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

'Sec. 1. Biofuel study. Resolved: That the Executive Department, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security, referred to in this section as "the office," shall oversee a study of the energy, environmental and economic feasibility of setting a requirement for the percentage of biofuel to be used in number 2 heating oil. As used in this section, "biofuel" means any commercially produced liquid or gas used to fire a heating device or a stationary power device or otherwise substitute for liquid or gaseous fuels that is derived from renewable biomass, including, but not limited to, agricultural crops and residues, forest products and by-products and separated food waste, as distinct from petroleum or other fossil carbon sources.

1. The study must include, but is not limited to, the following:

A. The feasibility of linking annual production of biofuel in the State to use goals and requirements;

B. Consideration of biofuel supply, price and infrastructure issues for number 2 heating oil;

C. Consideration of federal regulations and programs, including, but not limited to, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's renewable fuels standard and the United States Department of Agriculture's biomass crop assistance program;

D. Consideration of relevant legislative proposals and actions in the United States Congress, including, but not limited to, low-carbon fuel standards;

1 E. Consideration of relevant policies in other states, particularly in other New
2 England states; and

3 F. Conformance of goals with the office's State of Maine Comprehensive Energy
4 Plan.

5 2. The study must supplement the January 2008 report by the office titled "Liquid
6 Biofuels Policy for Maine" and update recommendations regarding the establishment of
7 an alternative fuel incentive program to stimulate the production, distribution and use of
8 biofuels in number 2 heating oil.

9 3. In carrying out the study, the office shall consult with the Department of
10 Environmental Protection, the Public Utilities Commission and the Efficiency Maine
11 Trust Board.

12 4. Performance of the study's examination of supply goals and requirements and
13 price considerations under subsection 1 is dependent on receipt of funding through a 3rd-
14 party grant or donation. Performance of the study's update of policy recommendations to
15 stimulate the production, distribution and use of biofuels, with supply goals and price
16 considerations, must be undertaken by the office regardless of funding source.

17 5. By February 15, 2011, the office shall submit a report of its findings and
18 recommendations, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the joint
19 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters;
20 and be it further

21 **Sec. 2. Authority to submit legislation. Resolved:** That the joint standing
22 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters may
23 submit a bill relating to the subject matter of the report submitted pursuant to section 1 to
24 the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.''

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment changes the bill to a resolve and eliminates the provision that
27 establishes state goals for the percentage of biofuel that number 2 heating oil must
28 contain.

29 SPONSORED BY: 

30 (Senator DIAMOND)

31 COUNTY: Cumberland

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 04/02/10 *MAC*

124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1632

LR 2349(04)

An Act To Establish Biofuel and Ultra-low Sulfur Requirements for Number 2 Home Heating Oil

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Diamond of Cumberland

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Removes future biennium cost increase - General Fund
Removes future biennium cost increase - Highway Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment eliminates the future General Fund and Highway Fund costs to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to comply with state biofuel goals.