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S.P. 676

In Senate, February 2, 2010

An Act To Provide Incentives for Energy Conservation through Voltage Regulation

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and
Representatives: FITTS of Pittsfield, VAN WIE of New Gloucester.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3105** is enacted to read:

3 **§3105. Voltage regulation technologies**

4 An electric utility may recover from ratepayers the costs of and earn a 15% rate of
5 return on investments and installations of voltage regulation technologies that reduce
6 energy consumption, improve grid efficiency, raise or lower voltage as needed and are
7 99% or more efficient across at least 90% of the load curve.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill provides that an electric utility may recover from ratepayers the costs of and
10 earn a 15% rate of return on investments and installations of voltage regulation
11 technologies that reduce energy consumption, improve grid efficiency, raise or lower
12 voltage as needed and are 99% or more efficient across at least 90% of the load curve.