

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 10, 2011

### **An Act To Ensure the Greatest Possible Public Benefit from Energy Efficiency Spending**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAY of Palmyra.  
Cosponsored by Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo and  
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CURTIS of Madison, GIFFORD of Lincoln,  
TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10110, sub-§2, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 372, Pt. B,  
3 §3, is amended to read:

4 B. ~~The~~ During the years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, the trust, with regard to the  
5 assessment imposed under subsection 4, shall: allocate funds to the conservation  
6 programs that are the most cost-effective as measured in savings to electric ratepayers  
7 of the State per trust dollar allocated.

8 ~~(1) Target at least 20% of funds to programs for low income residential~~  
9 ~~consumers, as defined by the board by rule;~~

10 ~~(2) Target at least 20% of funds to programs for small business consumers, as~~  
11 ~~defined by the board by rule; and~~

12 ~~(3) To the greatest extent practicable, apportion remaining funds among~~  
13 ~~customer groups and geographic areas in a manner that allows all other customers~~  
14 ~~to have a reasonable opportunity to participate in one or more conservation~~  
15 ~~programs.~~

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill amends provisions of law targeting the Efficiency Maine Trust's use of funds  
18 raised through the assessment on transmission and distribution utilities for conservation  
19 programs to ensure that during the years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, funds are allocated  
20 to the conservation programs that are the most cost-effective as measured in savings to  
21 electric ratepayers in the State per trust dollar allocated.