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House of Representatives, February 23, 2011

**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Duties of the Director of  
the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security**

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick.  
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and  
Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, DION of Portland, DUNPHY of Embden, EVES of North  
Berwick, FITTS of Pittsfield, LIBBY of Waterboro, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, Senator:  
RECTOR of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §9, sub-§3, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 655, Pt. C, §1, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 C. In consultation with the Efficiency Maine Trust Board, established in Title 5,  
5 section 12004-G, subsection 10-C, prepare and submit a comprehensive state energy  
6 plan to the Governor and the Legislature by January 15, 2009 and submit an updated  
7 plan every 2 years thereafter. Within the comprehensive state energy plan, the  
8 director shall identify opportunities to lower the cost of energy to consumers in this  
9 State and transmission capacity and infrastructure needs and recommend appropriate  
10 actions to lower the cost of energy to consumers in this State and facilitate the  
11 development and integration of new renewable energy generation within the State  
12 and support the State's renewable resource portfolio requirements specified in Title  
13 35-A, section 3210 and wind energy development goals specified in Title 35-A,  
14 section 3404;

15 **Sec. 2. 2 MRSA §9, sub-§3, ¶J**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 656, Pt. C, §1, is  
16 amended to read:

17 J. Take action as necessary to carry out the goals and objectives of the state energy  
18 plan prepared pursuant to paragraph C including lowering the cost of energy to  
19 consumers in this State.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill amends the laws prescribing the duties of the Director of the Governor's  
22 Office of Energy Independence and Security to require the director to identify  
23 opportunities to lower the cost of energy to Maine consumers, recommend appropriate  
24 actions to lower the cost of energy to Maine consumers and take action as necessary to  
25 carry out the goals and objectives of the comprehensive state energy plan including  
26 lowering the cost of energy to Maine consumers.