

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 267

In Senate, March 8, 2011

**An Act To Allow the Maine State Housing Authority To  
Prepurchase Oil for the Low-income Home Energy Assistance  
Program**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

*Joseph G. Carleton Jr.*

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Kennebec and  
Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, Representatives:  
DRISCOLL of Westbrook, NEWENDYKE of Litchfield, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4741, sub-§15**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 372, Pt. B, §2,  
3 is further amended to read:

4 **15. State weatherization, conservation and fuel assistance agency.** The Maine  
5 State Housing Authority is designated the weatherization, energy conservation and fuel  
6 assistance agency for the State and, in accordance with Title 35-A, section 10104,  
7 subsection 8, may apply for, receive, distribute and administer federal funds on behalf of  
8 the State for weatherization, energy conservation and fuel assistance pursuant to the  
9 Weatherization Assistance for Low-income Persons Program administered through the  
10 United States Department of Energy and the Low-income Home Energy Assistance  
11 Program administered through the United States Department of Health and Human  
12 Services in accordance with rules adopted under the Maine Administrative Procedure  
13 Act. As a bonding and financing organization, the Maine State Housing Authority may  
14 enable the purchase of heating oil in bulk from qualified vendors at a discount for persons  
15 who are eligible to receive assistance from the federal Low-income Home Energy  
16 Assistance Program in advance of receipt of federal funds;

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill provides the Maine State Housing Authority with the authority to enable the  
19 purchase of heating oil in bulk from qualified vendors at a discount for persons who are  
20 eligible to receive assistance from the federal Low-income Home Energy Assistance  
21 Program in advance of federal funds.