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House of Representatives, March 10, 2011

An Act To Correct a Statutory Oversight Regarding the Public Utilities Commission's Ability To Use Certain Funds

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
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 FITTS of Pittsfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 329, Pt. B, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **7. Information.** The commission shall inform electricity consumers in this State of
5 the benefits of electricity generated in this State using renewable resources and of the
6 opportunities available in this State to purchase electricity that is generated using those
7 resources, including, but not limited to, the green power offer and other green power
8 supply products and renewable energy credit products certified under section 3212-A.
9 The commission may not promote any renewable resources over others. The commission
10 may apply for, receive and expend grant money from the United States Department of
11 Energy and other government agencies for this purpose. Notwithstanding section ~~3211-A~~
12 10110, subsection ~~5~~ 7, the commission also may use up to \$100,000 per year from the
13 conservation program fund established under section ~~3211-A~~ 10110, subsection ~~5~~ 7 to
14 support the purposes of this subsection. The commission may create or cause to be
15 created a brand or logo to identify Maine renewable resources, including the green power
16 offer and other green power supply products and renewable energy credit products
17 certified under section 3212-A, to consumers. The commission shall register any mark or
18 logo created pursuant to this subsection with the United States Patent and Trademark
19 Office or in accordance with Title 10, chapter 301-A, or both. Any brand or logo created
20 pursuant to this subsection may only be used in accordance with the purposes of this
21 subsection as approved by the commission.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill corrects a statutory oversight regarding the statutory reference to the Public
24 Utilities Commission's ability to use up to \$100,000 from the conservation program fund
25 to promote the green power offer and other green power supply products and renewable
26 energy credit products.