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126TH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 886,  
9 L.D. 1252, Bill, "An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar  
10 and Wind Energy"

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Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and replacing it with the  
12 following:

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**'An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Cost-effective  
14 Technologies'**

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Amend the amendment in section 1 in §10121-A in the first line (page 1, line 16 in  
16 amendment) by striking out the following: "**Renewable Energy Rebate Program Fund**"  
17 and inserting in its place the following: "**Solar Energy and Heat Pump Rebate Program  
18 Fund**"

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Amend the amendment in section 1 in §10121-A by striking out all of subsection 1  
20 (page 1, lines 17 to 23 in amendment) and inserting the following:

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**'1. Fund established.** There is established the Solar Energy and Heat Pump Rebate  
22 Program Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," to be used by the trust solely for  
23 the purpose of providing rebates for cost-effective solar photovoltaic and solar thermal  
24 technologies and heat pumps. The funding, use and administration of the fund is  
25 governed by this section. Any interest on the funds in the fund must be credited to the  
26 fund. Funds not spent in any fiscal year do not lapse but must remain in the fund to be  
27 used for the purposes of this section.'

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Amend the amendment in section 1 in §10121-A by striking out all of subsection 3  
29 (page 2, lines 3 to 12 in amendment) and inserting the following:

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**'3. Administration; eligibility.** The trust shall administer rebates under this section  
31 in accordance with the following.

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**A.** The trust shall establish by rule criteria for determining eligibility of a solar  
33 photovoltaic or solar thermal technology or heat pumps under this section.

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**B.** The trust shall establish by rule criteria for determining eligibility of persons for  
35 rebates, including the following restrictions:



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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 886, L.D. 1252

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This amendment also replaces the appropriations and allocations section in Committee Amendment "A" to effect the changes made in this amendment.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

SPONSORED BY:  \_\_\_\_\_

(Representative HARVELL)

TOWN: Farmington

**HOUSE AMENDMENT**



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1252

LR 1157(08)

## An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar Energy

Fiscal Note for House Amendment *B* to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Harvell of Farmington

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Transfers</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The committee amendment created the Renewable Energy Rebate Fund. This amendment changes the name to the Solar Energy and Heat Pump Rebate Program Fund and the allocations and transfers in the committee amendment are moved to the new fund. The amendment expands rebates to persons for heat pumps, which may increase the number of rebates given, but limits rebates given to persons, only allowing rebates to persons eligible to participate in the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which may reduce the number of rebates given.