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1	L.D. 1252			
2	Date: 3-24-14 (Filing No. H-735)			
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4	STATE OF MAINE			
5	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES			
6	126TH LEGISLATURE			
7 SECOND REGULAR SESSION				
8 9 10	HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 886, L.D. 1252, Bill, "An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar and Wind Energy" Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and replacing it with the			
12	following:			
13 14	'An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Cost-effective Technologies'			
15 16 17 18	Amend the amendment in section 1 in §10121-A in the first line (page 1, line 16 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Renewable Energy Rebate Program Fund" and inserting in its place the following: 'Solar Energy and Heat Pump Rebate Program Fund'			
19 20	Amend the amendment in section 1 in §10121-A by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 1, lines 17 to 23 in amendment) and inserting the following:			
21 22 23 24 25 26 27	'1. Fund established. There is established the Solar Energy and Heat Pump Rebate Program Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," to be used by the trust solely for the purpose of providing rebates for cost-effective solar photovoltaic and solar thermal technologies and heat pumps. The funding, use and administration of the fund is governed by this section. Any interest on the funds in the fund must be credited to the fund. Funds not spent in any fiscal year do not lapse but must remain in the fund to be used for the purposes of this section.'			
28 29	Amend the amendment in section 1 in §10121-A by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 2, lines 3 to 12 in amendment) and inserting the following:			
30 31	'3. Administration; eligibility. The trust shall administer rebates under this section in accordance with the following.			
32 33	A. The trust shall establish by rule criteria for determining eligibility of a solar photovoltaic or solar thermal technology or heat pumps under this section.			
34 35	B. The trust shall establish by rule criteria for determining eligibility of persons for rebates, including the following restrictions:			

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HOUSE AMENDMENT

ROFS HOUSE AMENDMENT " " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 886, L.D. 1252 (1) A natural person may receive a rebate under this section only if that person is 1 2 a resident of this State and is eligible to participate in the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program administered through the United States Department 3 of Health and Human Services. The trust shall establish proof of residency 4 5 requirements by rule; and 6 (2) Other entities, including, but not limited to, commercial, nonprofit or 7 government entities, may receive rebates only for solar photovoltaic or solar 8 thermal technologies and only as long as the facility on which the eligible 9 technology is installed is located in this State. 10 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as provided in Title 11 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. 12 Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following: 'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and 13 14 allocations are made. 15 **EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST** 16 Solar Energy and Heat Pump Rebate Program Fund N177 17 Initiative: Provides an allocation of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 for rebates to 18 persons eligible to participate in the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program for 19 the installation and use of cost-effective solar photovoltaic and solar thermal technologies 20 and heat pumps. Certain entities may receive these rebates, but only for the installation 21 and use of cost-effective solar photovoltaic and solar thermal technologies. 22 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS 2013-14 2014-15 23 All Other \$1,000,000 \$0 24 \$0 \$1,000,000 25 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL 26 27 **SUMMARY** 28 This amendment changes the name of the fund established in Committee Amendment 29 "A" to the Solar Energy and Heat Pump Rebate Program Fund and expands the permitted 30 use of the fund to include rebates for heat pumps. The amendment requires the 31 Efficiency Maine Trust to establish, by routine technical rules, criteria for eligibility of 32 technology and entities. Only individuals who are natural persons and residents of this 33 State and who qualify for the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program are eligible 34

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to receive rebates for both solar technologies and heat pumps. Other entities qualify for

rebates only for solar technologies and only if the solar technologies are installed on

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facilities located in this State.

ROFS	HOUSE AMENDMENT "b " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 886, L.D. 1252				
1	This amendment also replaces the appropriations and allocations section in				
2	Committee Amendment "A" to effect the changes made in this amendment.				
3	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED				
4	(See attached)				
5	SPONSORED BY:				
6	(Representative HARVELL)				
7	TOWN: Farmington				

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126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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

Fiscal Note for House Amendment \mathcal{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
Appropriations/Allocations Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers				
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.