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An Act To Provide for Economic Development with Offshore Wind Power

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative KRUGER of Thomaston.
Cosponsored by Senator CAIN of Penobscot and
Representatives: HERBIG of Belfast, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono, WELSH of Rockport,
Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §15301, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. AAA, §3, is
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Targeted technologies.** "Targeted technologies" means biotechnology,
5 aquaculture and marine technology, composite materials technology, environmental
6 technology, advanced technologies for forestry and agriculture, information technology,
7 technology for the manufacturing of offshore wind energy developments as defined in
8 Title 35-A, section 102, subsection 10-A and precision manufacturing technology. These
9 targeted technologies may be amended only by the Legislature.

10 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §963-A, sub-§10, ¶S**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 372, Pt. D,
11 §2, is further amended to read:

12 S. Any transmission facilities project; ~~and~~

13 **Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §963-A, sub-§10, ¶T**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 372, Pt. D,
14 §3, is amended to read:

15 T. An Efficiency Maine project; and

16 **Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §963-A, sub-§10, ¶U** is enacted to read:

17 U. Any offshore wind energy development as defined in Title 35-A, section 102,
18 subsection 10-A or project to manufacture components for an offshore wind energy
19 development.

20 **Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §102, sub-§10-A** is enacted to read:

21 **10-A. Offshore wind energy development.** "Offshore wind energy development"
22 means a project that uses a windmill or wind turbine to convert wind energy to electrical
23 energy for purchase or sale and is located in the waters off the coast of the State.
24 "Offshore wind energy development" includes both generating facilities as defined by
25 section 3451, subsection 5 and associated facilities as defined by section 3451, subsection
26 1.

27 **Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

28 **10. Offshore wind energy development portfolio requirement.** When the cost of
29 electricity generated by an offshore wind energy development is substantially equal to
30 market value as determined by the commission, the commission shall establish by rule a
31 portfolio requirement to guarantee the purchase of any electricity generated by an
32 offshore wind energy development.

33 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
34 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

35 **Sec. 7. 36 MRSA §5219-II** is enacted to read:

