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House of Representatives, February 25, 2014

### **An Act To Expand Benefits from Maine's Wind Resource**

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HARVELL of Farmington. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)  
Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and  
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, DUNPHY of Embden, ESPLING of New  
Gloucester, JONES of Freedom, LIBBY of Waterboro, NEWENDYKE of Litchfield,  
SANDERSON of Chelsea, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3404, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 615, Pt. A, §4, is  
3 repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3404, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

5 **3. State wind energy goals.** The goals for wind energy development in the State are  
6 that there be:

7 A. Expanded economic opportunities within the State, including increasing the  
8 number of jobs in the manufacturing, construction and development of wind energy  
9 projects; and

10 B. Lower electricity prices for the State's residential, commercial and industrial  
11 consumers.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill changes the goals for wind energy development in the Maine Wind Energy  
14 Act from a schedule of increasing levels of installed capacity to a statement that the goals  
15 are expanded economic opportunities in the State, including increasing the number of  
16 jobs in the manufacturing, construction and development of wind energy projects, and  
17 lower electricity prices for the State's residential, commercial and industrial consumers.