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Date: 4-6-16 Minority

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
127TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “B” to S.P. 376, L.D. 1073, Bill, “An Act To Lower Energy Costs and Increase Access to Solar Energy for Agricultural Businesses”

Amend the bill in section 3 in the last indented paragraph (page 2, line 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2017" and inserting the following: '2018'

Amend the bill by adding after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST

Solar Energy Agricultural Rebate Fund N210

Initiative: Provides allocations in fiscal year 2016-17 for rebates for cost-effective solar photovoltaic and solar thermal technologies.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$474,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$474,000

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, changes the date of repeal of the Solar Energy Agricultural Rebate Fund from December 31, 2017 to December 31, 2018. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1073

LR 1084(04)

An Act To Lower Energy Costs and Increase Access to Solar Energy for Agricultural Businesses

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-476)

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$474,000	\$500,000	\$250,000
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$474,000	\$500,000	\$250,000
Transfers				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill establishes the Solar Energy Agricultural Rebate Fund within Efficiency Maine Trust (EMT) to provide rebates to agricultural businesses for cost-effective solar photovoltaic and solar thermal technologies. The fund is funded through assessments by the Public Utilities Commission on transmission and distribution utilities. The amount of all assessments must result in total program expenditures by each transmission and distribution utility of 0.005 cents per kilo-watt hour. The bill repeals these activities on December 31, 2018. New Other Special Revenue Funds revenue of \$474,000 in fiscal year 2016-17, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 will be transferred to the EMT. This bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$474,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 for providing rebates for cost effective solar photovoltaic and solar thermal technologies.