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L.D. 1810
(Filing No. H-707)

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1255, L.D. 1810, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Expedited Permitting for Wind Energy Development"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 10-B in the 2nd line from the end (page 2, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "40" and inserting the following: '15'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 3 in the 2nd line from the end (page 3, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "40" and inserting the following: '15'

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 4 in the 10th line (page 3, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "40" and inserting the following: '15'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. This amendment strikes from the bill language that changes the definition of "expedited permitting area" to mean specified places that are identified by rule and the eastern portion of Aroostook County. This amendment also provides that 15 miles, instead of 40 miles as proposed in the bill, is the farthest distance from a proposed expedited wind energy development for which a visual impact assessment for potentially affected scenic resources of state or national significance may be required.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1810

LR 2820(02)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Expedited Permitting for Wind Energy Development

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-707)

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Environmental Protection as a result of changes to the visual impact assessment criteria used in the expedited wind energy development application process are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.