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No. 1622

S.P. 519

In Senate, April 23, 2019

An Act To Promote the Use of Wood Pellet Central Heating Systems

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford and

Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DILL of Penobscot, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DUNPHY of Old Town, STANLEY of Medway.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10121, sub-§1, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 637, §8, is
3 further amended to read:

4 F. Provide rebates for cost-effective energy efficiency and renewable energy
5 technologies, including heating technology using wood pellets, as determined by the
6 trust.

7 **Sec. 2. Efficiency Maine Trust to provide rebates for purchase of wood**
8 **pellet central heating systems.** The Efficiency Maine Trust shall establish a program
9 to provide a rebate in an amount equal to 50% of the purchase price up to \$10,000 of a
10 residential wood pellet central heating system and up to \$20,000 of a nonresidential wood
11 pellet central heating system pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section
12 10121, subsection 1, paragraph F. The trust shall adopt routine technical rules, as defined
13 in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, to implement the program.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill directs the Efficiency Maine Trust to provide a rebate from the trust's
16 Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund in an amount equal to 50% of the
17 purchase price up to \$10,000 of a residential wood pellet central heating system and up to
18 \$20,000 of a nonresidential wood pellet central heating system.