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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

131ST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 91, L D 187, "An Act to Eliminate the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following

'An Act to Eliminate the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund and to Provide Needs-based Low-income Assistance'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§9, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c 199, §1, is further amended to read

B The commission shall collect alternative compliance payments to meet the requirements of subsections 3-A and 3-B made by competitive electricity providers and shall deposit use all funds collected under this paragraph in the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund established under section 10121, subsection 2 to be used to fund research, development and demonstration projects relating to renewable energy technologies and to fund rebates for cost effective renewable energy technologies to provide financial assistance for low-income households in accordance with section 3214, subsection 2

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1997, c 316, §3, is amended to read

A Receive funds collected by all transmission and distribution utilities in the State at a rate set by the commission in periodic rate cases, and

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, ¶A-1 is enacted to read

A-1 Receive funds collected by the commission for alternative compliance payments in accordance with section 3210, subsection 9, paragraph B, and

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §10121, as amended by PL 2011, c 637, §8, is repealed'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, and changes the title It
5 requires alternative compliance payments made by competitive electricity providers to the
6 Public Utilities Commission to be used by the commission to provide needs-based low-
7 income assistance in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3214,
8 subsection 2 The amendment also repeals the law establishing the Energy Efficiency and
9 Renewable Resource Fund

10 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

11 (See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 187

LR 1122(02)

An Act to Eliminate the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-133)
Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Eliminates Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund - Efficiency Maine Trust
Redirects alternative compliance payments

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill repeals the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund (fund) administered by the Efficiency Maine Trust (EMT). Under current statute, the fund receives revenue from alternative compliance payments to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) that get transferred to the EMT to be used for various energy efficiency projects. Since the revenues from the alternative compliance payments have been declining, this bill has the PUC retaining the alternative compliance payments and providing funding for existing needs-based low-income assistance programs.