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House of Representatives, March 30, 2023

An Act to Require the Adoption of Sector-specific Greenhouse Gas Emissions Limits

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rlt B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.
Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and
Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BOYLE of Gorham, DODGE of Belfast,
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, JAUCH of Topsham, WARREN of Scarborough.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §576-A, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 476, §7, is amended
3 by amending the 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

4 The Department of Transportation, after consultation with the department, ~~may~~ shall adopt
5 rules as necessary to ensure compliance with the levels established by subsections 1 to 3.

6 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §576-A, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

7 **5. Sector-specific greenhouse gas emissions limits.** The department shall adopt
8 sector-specific biennial limits on greenhouse gas emissions from energy sources in the
9 commercial sector, industrial sector, residential sector and transportation sector and for
10 electricity and combined heat and power plants whose primary business is to sell electricity
11 or electricity and heat to the public. The department may adopt sector-specific greenhouse
12 gas emissions limits for any other sector or source the department designates. These limits
13 must collectively ensure compliance with the annual greenhouse gas emissions levels
14 established by subsections 1 to 3. The department shall calculate and impose biennial limits
15 under this paragraph for a period of 10 years.

16 By December 31, 2025 and every 4 years thereafter, the department shall adjust the sector-
17 specific greenhouse gas emissions limits as necessary taking into consideration updated
18 greenhouse gas emissions data and reflecting the policies contained in the most recent
19 updated climate action plan under section 577. The adjusted greenhouse gas emissions
20 limits must be imposed for a period of 10 years.

21 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
22 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules setting
25 sector-specific biennial limits on greenhouse gas emissions from energy sources in the
26 commercial sector, industrial sector, residential sector and transportation sector and for
27 electricity and combined heat and power plants whose primary business is to sell electricity
28 or electricity and heat to the public. The bill also requires the Department of Transportation
29 to adopt rules as necessary to ensure compliance with the State's greenhouse gas emissions
30 levels.