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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
AT THE

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1978-79

AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF
Soil & Water Conservation Commission

\$5,000

Effective July 6, 1978

CHAPTER 685

AN ACT to Establish a Solar Water Heater Demonstration Program for Maine.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 5005, sub-§ 1, ¶ G, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 587, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

G. Encourage and direct or sponsor research, experiments, and demonstration projects within the State to develop alternate energy sources, particularly, but not limited to, those sources which rely on the renewable natural resources of the State, such as solar energy, the water of the tides and rivers, the forests, the winds and other sources which to date have not been fully explored or utilized;

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act:

1978-79

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Office of Energy Resources

All Other

\$16,000

Establishes a fund to implement a solar water heater demonstration program. The fund provides for the administration of 40 or more grants of \$400 each to qualified applicants for the installation of solar water heating systems. The Director of the Office of Energy Resources shall provide grants to home builders, homeowners, schools and hospitals that demonstrate intent to install solar water heating systems and that meet any other qualifications deemed necessary by the Office of Energy Resources. No

person, firm or institution shall be eligible for more than one \$400 grant.

In the event that other public or private moneys become available to establish such a solar water heater demonstration program, they shall be used to expand the program.

The receipt of a demonstration grant shall not keep an applicant from applying for and receiving any tax credit he may be eligible for under federal or state law on the remainder of the cost of the installed solar water heater over the amount of the grant.

Effective July 6, 1978

CHAPTER 686

AN ACT to Provide for Reform of the State Tax Laws, Including the State Sales Tax and the State Income Tax.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA § 1760, sub-§ 9 is amended to read:

9. **Coal, oil and wood.** Coal, oil, wood and all other fuels, except gas and electricity, when bought for cooking and heating in homes, **mobile homes**, hotels and apartment houses, and other buildings designed both for human habitation and sleeping.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA § 1760, sub-§ § 9-B and 9-C are enacted to read:

9-B. **Residential electricity.** Sale of the first 750 kilowatt hours of residential electricity per month. For the purpose of this subsection, "residential electricity" shall mean electricity furnished to homes, **mobile homes**, boarding homes and apartment houses, with the exception of hotels and motels.

9-C. **Residential gas.** Sales of gas when bought for cooking and heating in residences. For the purpose of this subsection, "residences" shall mean homes, **mobile homes**, boarding homes and apartment houses, with the exception of hotels and motels.