

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 1, 1982 to June 24, 1983
Chapters 453-End

AND AT THE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
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Sec. 6. Additional funds. When any person, corporation, the Federal Government or any other entity offers funds to the Maine Sentencing Guidelines Commission to carry out its purposes and duties, the commission may accept the offer by majority vote and, upon acceptance, the chairman shall receive the funds subject to the terms of the offer, but no money may be accepted or received as a loan nor may any indebtedness be incurred, except in the manner and under the limitations otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 7. Report on findings and recommendations. The Maine Sentencing Guidelines Commission shall make an interim report of its findings and recommendations with respect to the criteria indicated in section 3 on or before January 5, 1984, to the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature. A final report shall be submitted to that Legislature prior to December 1, 1984. The report shall also include, in proper draft form, any suggested implementing legislation or amendment to the Constitution of Maine proposed to implement the commission recommendations.

Sec. 8. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

| | <u>1983-84</u> |
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| <u>MAINE SENTENCING</u> | |
| <u>GUIDELINES COMMISSION</u> | |
| Personal Services | \$ 7,000 |
| All Other | 3,000 |
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| Total | \$10,000 |

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 54

H.P. 1282 - L.D. 1699

AN ACT Relating to Ethanol Production
in the State.

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

Sec. 1. Evaluation of excise tax exemption on

ethanol fuels. The Office of Energy Resources shall make an evaluation of an excise tax exemption on ethanol fuels to determine the economic feasibility of ethanol fuel production in the State, with and without an exemption, the benefits of ethanol production and use to the State and other related issues.

The Office of Energy Resources shall conduct the evaluation within the oversight of a steering committee of 7 members. Two legislative members shall be appointed by the President of the Senate; 2 legislative members by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and 3 public members by the Governor. The Office of Energy Resources shall provide or retain staff support for the steering committee as well as pay for all other expenses of the evaluation. The Office of Energy Resources shall allocate up to \$15,000, from existing resources, for this evaluation. The steering committee shall prepare a final report and recommendations by January 15, 1984.

The evaluation shall address at least the following questions.

1. Would the New England ethanol project be economically feasible without an excise tax exemption?
2. If the project is not feasible without an exemption, what is the optimum level of exemption?
3. Is an exemption unfair to competitors?
4. Which fund should bear the cost of an exemption, the General Fund or the Highway Fund?
5. Do the benefits to the State of allowing an exemption outweigh the loss of revenues?

The Office of Energy Resources shall prepare legislation, if necessary, to implement the majority recommendations of the steering committee.

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