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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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The commission may modify the amount of net generating capacity reserved under this paragraph based on program experience.

E. The total installed net generating capacity of program participants that receive the renewable energy credit multiplier incentive under section 3605 may not exceed 10 megawatts.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3609, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 329, Pt. A, §4, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3610 is enacted to read:

§3610. Project deadline; completion deadline

The commission may not issue an order after December 31, 2015 directing an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to enter into a long-term contract under this chapter nor allow a consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility to enter into a long-term contract under this chapter. All community-based renewable energy projects that have been selected for a long-term contract must become operational and commence generating electricity by December 31, 2018.

Sec. 5. Viability assessment; request for proposals. The Public Utilities Commission shall review all certified program participant projects under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3603 that have not yet reached commercial operations to determine whether the projects are reasonably likely to achieve commercial operations within a 3-year period. For those projects the commission determines will not be viable within a 3-year period, the commission must revoke any contract awarded, but the project may still remain certified. To the extent there is less capacity remaining than is allowed under Title 35-A, section 3603, subsection 2 after the removal of nonviable projects, the commission shall conduct an expedited request for proposals to select community-based renewable energy projects to become program participants and enter into long-term contracts. A project under this process may not elect to choose the renewable energy credit multiplier incentive under Title 35-A, section 3605, and those projects that are operational and have elected the renewable energy credit multiplier do not count towards the 50-megawatt cap on net generating capacity under Title 35-A, section 3603, subsection 2. The commission shall select the projects that provide the most benefit to ratepayers and that have contract pricing levels below 10¢ per kilowatt hour within each contract year. To the maximum extent practicable, the commission must select projects to provide for a total net generating capacity for all projects to meet the maximum allowance under Title 35-A, section 3603, subsection 2 of 50 megawatts.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 233
H.P. 812 - L.D. 1179**

**An Act To Prohibit Certain
Payments with Respect to an
Adoption**

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §553-A is enacted to read:

§553-A. Illegal payment with respect to an adoption

1. A person is guilty of illegal payment with respect to an adoption if that person:

A. Is the parent of a child or is a person whose consent is required pursuant to Title 18-A, section 9-302 and, in return for placing that child for adoption, intentionally or knowingly solicits or receives monetary payment or other valuable consideration that is not authorized by Title 18-A, section 9-306; or

B. With the intent of adopting a child, intentionally or knowingly provides, or offers to provide, the parent of that child or the person whose consent is required pursuant to Title 18-A, section 9-302 with monetary payment or other valuable consideration that is not authorized by Title 18-A, section 9-306.

2. Violation of this section is a Class D crime.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 234
H.P. 985 - L.D. 1442**

**An Act To Establish a Bag
Limit for Brook Trout on
Portions of Webster Stream in
Piscataquis County**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the daily bag limit for brook trout established in this legislation for portions of Webster Stream in Piscataquis County needs to take effect prior to the fall fishing season for the proper fishery management of brook trout in those portions of Webster Stream; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following