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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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June 19, 2018 to September 13, 2018

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2019

the fund. Funds not spent in any fiscal year remain in the fund to be used by the program. The assessments charged to transmission and distribution utilities under this subsection are just and reasonable costs for rate-making purposes. The commission may issue any appropriate orders to transmission and distribution utilities necessary to achieve the goals of this subsection.

4. Report. No later than January 15, 2022 and January 15, 2024, the trust shall submit a report on the program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utility matters. The report must include information on program implementation, total deposits into and expenditures from the fund, program activity and reductions in peak electricity demand, energy consumption and electricity costs achieved. After receiving the report due by January 15, 2024, the committee may report out a bill relating to the program to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

5. Repeal; remaining funds. This section is repealed June 30, 2024. In the event funds in the fund are not expended or contracted for expenditure as of June 30, 2024, the commission shall ensure that the value of those funds is returned to electricity consumers.

Sec. 2. Rate design; proceeding; report. The Public Utilities Commission shall open a proceeding to examine rate design and related issues for electricity customers that have seasonal, limited-duration, concentrated load profiles, including but not limited to agricultural fairs, seasonal festivals and other similar entities. In this proceeding, the commission shall examine options for alternative rate design, with particular attention to electricity demand charges, and identify other types of electricity customers, in addition to agricultural fairs, that may benefit from a program similar to that established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10124. No later than December 1, 2019, the commission shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations under this section to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature based on the report.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 30, 2019.

**CHAPTER 170
H.P. 161 - L.D. 198**

**An Act To Require That
Nonmotorized Carriages Be
Equipped with Reflective Tape
and Lights**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1907, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

4. Exceptions. This section does not apply to animal-drawn vehicles or unregistered farm tractors.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1909-C is enacted to read:

§1909-C. Animal-drawn vehicles

An animal-drawn vehicle operated on a public way during nighttime must be equipped with the following:

1. Light. An oil lantern or electric lights attached to the left side of the vehicle that displays a red light toward the rear of the vehicle and a white light toward the front of the vehicle; and

2. Reflective tape. Grade DOT-C2 white reflective tape as described in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 571.108, in effect on March 26, 2019, applied to the vehicle as follows:

A. Seventy-two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the rear frame of the vehicle;

B. Thirty-six inches of reflective tape on each side of the vehicle, applied in segments that outline the frame on each side with at least 2 segments applied to the upper borders; and

C. Forty-two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the front frame of the vehicle.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 171
S.P. 61 - L.D. 249**

**An Act To Ensure Protection
of Patients in Medical Reviews
by Health Insurance Carriers**

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