

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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

Augusta, Maine
2023

(1) The alternative compliance payment rate for the requirements under subsections 3-A, 3-B and 3-C may not be greater than \$50.

(2) The alternative compliance payment rate for the requirement under subsection 3 may not be greater than \$10.

B. The commission shall collect alternative compliance payments to meet the requirements of subsections ~~3~~, 3-A and 3-B made by competitive electricity providers and shall ~~deposit~~ use all funds collected under this paragraph ~~in the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund established under section 10121, subsection 2 to be used to fund research, development and demonstration projects relating to renewable energy technologies and to fund rebates for cost effective renewable energy technologies to provide financial assistance for low-income households in accordance with section 3214, subsection 2.~~

C. The commission shall collect alternative compliance payments to meet the requirements of subsection 3-C made by competitive electricity providers and shall deposit all funds collected under this paragraph in the Thermal Energy Investment Fund established under section 10128, subsection 2 to be used to fund incentives and low-interest or no-interest loans to businesses, municipalities, educational institutions and nonprofit entities in the State for the installation of new thermal energy-derived projects.

The commission shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted ~~under this subsection to establish the alternative compliance payment rates governed by paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) and (2)~~ routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 316, §3, is amended to read:

A. Receive funds collected by all transmission and distribution utilities in the State at a rate set by the commission in periodic rate cases; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. Receive funds collected by the commission for alternative compliance payments in accordance with section 3210, subsection 9, paragraph B; and

Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 316, §3, is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

The commission may adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine

technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 362

H.P. 262 - L.D. 429

An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Motor Vehicle Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1603, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

9. Return license, certificates and plates. A person whose license or registration has been suspended shall immediately return every license, registration certificate and registration plate issued to that person to the Secretary of State. A person commits a ~~Class E crime~~ traffic infraction if that person, after notice of suspension, fails or refuses to return every license, registration certificate and registration plate.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1859, as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §104 and affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

§1859. Removal of vehicle

Removal of a vehicle described in section 1851 or of any part or accessory from the vehicle without the written consent of the person in charge or the owner of the premises or property where the vehicle is located is a ~~Class E crime~~ traffic infraction. This section applies to all persons, including the owner of the vehicle.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2069, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 159, §4, is amended to read:

B. The issuance of a summons for a traffic infraction as described in section ~~351~~, section 2104 or section 2412-A, subsection 8;

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.

Effective January 1, 2024.
