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An Act To Modernize Maine's Solar Power Policy and Encourage Economic Development. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to Resolve 2015, chapter 37, section 2.) Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. Public Hearing 03/16/16. (OTP-AM) Report A Accepted 04/14/16. Amended by: CA H-666, SA/CA S-522. Final Disposition: Enacted. (Veto Sustained 04/29/16).

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