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of-state licensed automobile dealer if the seller or lessor meets all requirements applicable to in-state sellers or lessors as determined by the trust. The law also clarifies the eligibility requirements applicable to incentives for electric bicycles under the incentive program.

**LD 1270 An Act to Establish the Department of Energy Resources**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 476 eliminates the Governor's Energy Office, creates a new cabinet-level Department of Energy Resources and transfers the functions of the Governor's Energy Office to the new department.

The Department of Energy Resources has responsibility for oversight of state energy policies, programs and development efforts, is the designated state energy office and is directed to assess energy supply and infrastructure needs while aligning with the State's greenhouse gas reduction targets. The department also administers the Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Program and the Maine Energy Resources Development Program and coordinates state energy policy and actively fosters cooperation with the Efficiency Maine Trust. The law establishes a process for the conduct of competitive solicitations by the department.

The Commissioner of Energy Resources is appointed by the Governor and is responsible for developing and implementing the comprehensive state energy plan, overseeing energy efficiency efforts and supporting renewable energy goals, including reducing energy costs, increasing renewable energy capacity and lowering oil dependence. The law establishes the salary range of the commissioner and deputy commissioner, adds the commissioner as a nonvoting member of the board of directors of the Maine Technology Institute and authorizes the commissioner to act as a representative of the State in the regional greenhouse gas initiative. The law also makes certain changes to the membership of the Maine State Housing Authority and the Finance Authority of Maine.

The law requires the Department of Energy Resources to work with staff from the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes to develop legislation to effect the transition of responsibilities from the Governor's Energy Office to the Department of Energy Resources.

**LD 1412 An Act to Increase Contingency Reserves for Maine's Consumer-owned Electric Transmission and Distribution Utilities**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 214 increases the amount that a consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility may keep in a contingency reserve fund to reflect up to a 35% addition to yearly revenues over the amount required to operate the utility. It removes the language that excluded