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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
126TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 886, L.D. 1252, Bill, “An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar and Wind Energy”

Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and replacing it with the following:

**'An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Cost-effective Technologies'**

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §10121-A in the first line (page 1, line 16 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Renewable Energy Rebate Program Fund" and inserting in its place the following: 'Solar Energy and Heat Pump Rebate Program Fund'

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §10121-A by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 1, lines 17 to 23 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'1. Fund established. There is established the Solar Energy and Heat Pump Rebate Program Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," to be used by the trust solely for the purpose of providing rebates for cost-effective solar photovoltaic and solar thermal technologies and heat pumps. The funding, use and administration of the fund is governed by this section. Any interest on the funds in the fund must be credited to the fund. Funds not spent in any fiscal year do not lapse but must remain in the fund to be used for the purposes of this section.'

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §10121-A by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 2, lines 3 to 12 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'3. Administration; eligibility. The trust shall administer rebates under this section in accordance with the following.

A. The trust shall establish by rule criteria for determining eligibility of a solar photovoltaic or solar thermal technology or heat pumps under this section.

B. The trust shall establish by rule criteria for determining eligibility of persons for rebates, including the following restrictions:

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1                   (1) Rebates are limited to persons who are residents of this State or who are  
 2                   domiciled in this State. The trust shall establish proof of residency requirements  
 3                   by rule;

4                   (2) An individual may receive a rebate under this section for cost-effective solar  
 5                   photovoltaic and solar thermal technologies and heat pumps only if that  
 6                   individual is eligible to participate in the Low-income Home Energy Assistance  
 7                   Program administered through the United States Department of Health and  
 8                   Human Services; and

9                   (3) A person other than an individual eligible under subparagraph (2), including,  
 10                   but not limited to, an individual or a commercial, nonprofit or government entity,  
 11                   may receive a rebate only for solar photovoltaic or solar thermal technologies and  
 12                   only as long as the facility on which the eligible technology is installed is located  
 13                   in this State.

14                   Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as provided in Title  
 15                   5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

16                   Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

17                   '**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
 18                   allocations are made.

19                   **EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST**

20                   **Solar Energy and Heat Pump Rebate Program Fund N177**

21                   Initiative: Provides an allocation of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 for rebates to  
 22                   residents of the State who are eligible to participate in the Low-income Home Energy  
 23                   Assistance Program for the installation and use of cost-effective solar photovoltaic and  
 24                   solar thermal technologies and heat pumps. Certain entities domiciled in the State may  
 25                   receive these rebates, but only for the installation and use of cost-effective solar  
 26                   photovoltaic and solar thermal technologies.

27	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
28	All Other	\$0	\$1,000,000
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30	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$1,000,000
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32                   **SUMMARY**

33                   This amendment changes the name of the fund established in Committee Amendment  
 34                   "A" to the Solar Energy and Heat Pump Rebate Program Fund and expands the permitted  
 35                   use of the fund to include rebates for heat pumps. The amendment requires the  
 36                   Efficiency Maine Trust to establish, by routine technical rules, criteria for eligibility of  
 37                   technology and entities. Only persons who are residents of this State or that are  
 38                   domiciled in this State are eligible for rebates. In addition, only individuals who qualify  
 39                   for the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program are eligible to receive rebates for  
 40                   both solar technologies and heat pumps. Other persons, including individuals and

1 commercial, nonprofit or government entities, that do not qualify for the Low-income  
2 Home Energy Assistance Program may qualify for rebates only for solar technologies and  
3 only if the solar technologies are installed on facilities located in this State.

4 This amendment also replaces the appropriations and allocations section in  
5 Committee Amendment "A" to effect the changes made in this amendment.

6 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

7 **(See attached)**

8 SPONSORED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

9 (Representative HARVELL)

10 TOWN: Farmington