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An Act To Promote Green Power Use at State Buildings

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1766-A is enacted to read:

§ 1766-A. Electricity purchases for state buildings

No later than January 1, 2010, all electricity consumed in state-owned buildings must be supplied by renewable resources. For purposes of this section, "renewable resource" means any renewable resource defined in Title 35-A, section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph C.

Sec. 2. Plan to improve renewable electrical use in state-leased buildings and renewable heating sources for state-owned and state-leased buildings. The chair of the Energy Resources Council, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3327, and the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall develop a plan to increase the use of renewable electricity sources in state-leased properties. The plan must include a specific goal for expanded energy use in space leased by the State, encourage landlords to provide electricity from renewable resources and require newly leased space to be supplied with electricity from renewable resources. The plan must also include the extent to which state-owned and state-leased buildings are heated using renewable resources, strategies to increase the level of heating from renewable resources and a specific goal to be implemented by 2010. The plan, including suggested legislation, must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy and the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by December 15, 2007. The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government is authorized to submit legislation related to the plan.

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