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House of Representatives, February 7, 2023

An Act to Address Solar Energy Development Decommissioning

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BOYLE of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and
Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, CRAFTS of Newcastle, DOUDERA of Camden,
GEIGER of Rockland, ZEIGLER of Montville.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 In Public Law 2021, chapter 151, the 130th Legislature enacted the Maine Revised
6 Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 34-D, which requires certain solar energy developments to
7 have decommissioning plans. Chapter 34-D applies to solar energy developments on which
8 construction began on or after October 1, 2021 and to solar energy developments that
9 undergo a change in ownership on or after October 1, 2021. This bill proposes to address
10 the issue of decommissioning plans for solar energy developments of a size similar to the
11 size of developments that are subject to the provisions of chapter 34-D and on which
12 construction began before October 1, 2021. It also proposes to address the issue of
13 decommissioning plans for stored energy systems developments.