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**An Act To Create Synergy between Maine Industry and Maine's  
Energy Goals in the Use of Certain Funds by the Efficiency Maine  
Trust**

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Clerk

Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, DUNPHY of Old Town.

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

2       **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10103, sub-§1, ¶B,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c.  
3       369, Pt. A, §3, is amended by amending subparagraph (6) to read:

4               (6) Simplifying and enhancing consumer access to technical assistance and  
5               financial incentives relating to energy efficiency and the use of alternative energy  
6               resources by merging or coordinating dispersed programs under a single  
7               administrative unit possessing independent management and expertise; ~~and~~

8       **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §10103, sub-§1, ¶B,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c.  
9       369, Pt. A, §3, is amended by amending subparagraph (7) to read:

10              (7) Using cost-effective energy and energy efficiency investments to reduce  
11              greenhouse gas emissions; and

12       **Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §10103, sub-§1, ¶B,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c.  
13       369, Pt. A, §3, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (8) to read:

14              (8) Encouraging the development and adoption of environmentally sustainable  
15              energy-related and energy efficiency-related products and services derived from  
16              the State's natural resources, industrial by-products, waste products and recycled  
17              materials;

18       **Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §10119, sub-§2, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 306, §6, is  
19       further amended to read:

20              A. All funds deposited in the fund must be administered by the trust to reduce fossil  
21              heating fuel consumption consistent with the purpose and targets of the trust and the  
22              triennial plan to achieve the following goals:

23                      (1) By 2030, to provide cost-effective energy efficiency and weatherization  
24                      measures to substantially all homes and businesses whose owners wish to  
25                      participate in programs established by the trust under this section; ~~and~~

26                      (2) From fiscal year 2019-20 to fiscal year 2024-25, to install 100,000 new high-  
27                      performance air source heat pumps in the State to provide heating in residential  
28                      and nonresidential spaces. "High-performance air source heat pump" means an air  
29                      source heat pump that satisfies minimum heating performance standards as  
30                      determined by the trust; and

31                      (3) To replace fossil heating fuel in residential, commercial and industrial sectors  
32                      with renewable heating fuel, including, but not limited to, second generation  
33                      biofuel, biodiesel fuel derived from used vegetable oil and fuel derived using  
34                      anaerobic digestion or other technologies. As used in this subparagraph, "second  
35                      generation biofuel" has the same meaning as in 26 United States Code, Section  
36                      40(b)(6)(E).

37       **Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §10119, sub-§2, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 306, §6, is  
38       further amended by repealing subparagraph (4).

39       **Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §10119, sub-§2, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 306, §6, is  
40       further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (5) to read:

41              (5) Eligible program measures may include, but are not limited to:

(a) Training or certification of energy auditors, insulation installers, mechanical heating system installers and maintenance technicians and building energy inspectors; and

(b) Environmentally sustainable energy-related or energy efficiency-related products and services derived from the State's natural resources, industrial by-products, waste products and recycled materials.

**Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §10119, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 306, §6, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (1-A) to read:

(1-A) Incentives to consumers to purchase and install environmentally sustainable energy-related or energy efficiency-related products and services derived from the State's natural resources, industrial by-products, waste products and recycled materials;

## SUMMARY

This bill amends the purposes of the Efficiency Maine Trust to encourage the development and adoption by the trust of environmentally sustainable energy-related and energy efficiency-related products and services derived from the State's natural resources, industrial by-products, waste products and recycled materials. It also amends the goals of the Heating Fuels Efficiency and Weatherization Fund by clarifying the reduction of fossil heating fuel consumption as the fund's primary goal and by encouraging through the use of the fund the replacement of such fuel in residential, commercial and industrial sectors with renewable heating fuel, including, but not limited to, second generation biofuel, biodiesel fuel derived from used vegetable oil and fuel derived using anerobic digestion or other technologies. The bill also authorizes the expenditure of funds from the fund for programs and program designs that encourage or incentivize measures relating to such environmentally sustainable energy-related and energy efficiency-related products and services.