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An Act to Require Competitive Procurement of Electricity from Generators Fueled by Municipal Solid Waste in Conjunction with Recycling

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DILL of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, HENDERSON of Rumford, HEPLER of Woolwich.

| 1 | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: |
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| 2 | Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210-K is enacted to read: |
| 3 | §3210-K. Energy procurement from generators fueled by municipal solid waste in |
| 4 | conjunction with recycling |
| 5 | 1. Energy procurement from generators fueled by municipal solid waste in |
| 6 | conjunction with recycling. The commission shall direct investor-owned transmission |
| 7 | and distribution utilities to enter into one or more contracts for energy and renewable |
| 8 | energy credits from a generator fueled by municipal solid waste in conjunction with |
| 9 10 | recycling under section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph C, subparagraph (2), division (h) referred to in this section as "a generator," that pays state excise, income, property and sales |
| 11 | taxes. |
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| 12 13 | A. The commission shall initiate a competitive solicitation for contracts under this section up to 35 megawatts for energy and renewable energy credits from generators. |
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| 14 | B. The commission shall initiate the first competitive solicitation to select a generator |
| 15 | or a combination of generators for a contract under this section by November 1, 2025 |
| 16 | C. The commission shall select for contracts generators that provide the most benefit |
| 17 | to ratepayers and that have contract pricing levels below 7 cents per kilowatt-hour for |
| 18 | each contract year. |
| 19 | D. A contract submitted under this section must be for a term of not less than 5 years |
| 20 | and not more than 15 years, unless the commission determines a longer term is prudent |
| 21 | 2. Rules. The commission shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted |
| 22 23 | pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter |
| 23 | <u>2-A.</u> |
| 24 | CHIMM A DAY |
| 24 | SUMMARY |
| 25 | This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to direct investor-owned |
| 26 | transmission and distribution utilities to enter into contracts for energy and renewable |
| 27 | energy credits with generators fueled by municipal solid waste in conjunction with |
| 28 | recycling. |