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## **An Act To Correct a Statutory Oversight Regarding the Public Utilities Commission's Ability To Use Certain Funds**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 329, Pt. B, §1, is further amended to read:

**7. Information.** The commission shall inform electricity consumers in this State of the benefits of electricity generated in this State using renewable resources and of the opportunities available in this State to purchase electricity that is generated using those resources, including, but not limited to, the green power offer and other green power supply products and renewable energy credit products certified under section 3212-A. The commission may not promote any renewable resources over others. The commission may apply for, receive and expend grant money from the United States Department of Energy and other government agencies for this purpose. Notwithstanding section ~~3211-A10110~~, subsection 57, the commission also may use up to \$100,000 per year from the conservation program fund established under section ~~3211-A10110~~, subsection 57 to support the purposes of this subsection. The commission may create or cause to be created a brand or logo to identify Maine renewable resources, including the green power offer and other green power supply products and renewable energy credit products certified under section 3212-A, to consumers. The commission shall register any mark or logo created pursuant to this subsection with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or in accordance with Title 10, chapter 301-A, or both. Any brand or logo created pursuant to this subsection may only be used in accordance with the purposes of this subsection as approved by the commission.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill corrects a statutory oversight regarding the statutory reference to the Public Utilities Commission's ability to use up to \$100,000 from the conservation program fund to promote the green power offer and other green power supply products and renewable energy credit products.