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## **An Act Authorizing the Board of Environmental Protection To Modify a License for a Wind Energy Development**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §341-D, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

**3-A. Modification of license; wind energy development.** The board shall modify the license for a wind energy development that was approved prior to the effective date of this section to implement sound level standards for wind energy developments that were adopted by rule subsequent to the approval of that wind energy development. For purposes of this subsection, "wind energy development" means grid-scale wind energy developments as defined by Title 35-A, section 3451, subsection 6 and smaller-scale wind energy developments governed by Title 35-A, section 3456.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill ensures that reductions in the sound level limits adopted by rule by the Department of Environmental Protection for the routine operation of wind energy developments are applied to previously approved wind energy developments. This bill directs the Board of Environmental Protection to modify an existing license for a wind energy development to implement sound level standards that were adopted by rule subsequent to the approval of the wind energy development.