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## **An Act To Encourage Workforce Development in the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Efficiency and Energy Conservation Trades and Reduce Carbon Dioxide Emissions**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §580-A, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 317, §17, is amended to read:

**6. Carbon dioxide emissions offset project.** "Carbon dioxide emissions offset project" means a project that reduces or avoids loading of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and is demonstrated to qualify as real, additional, verifiable, enforceable and permanent as those terms are defined in rules adopted by the department. "Carbon dioxide emissions offset project" includes, but is not limited to, landfill and agricultural methane capture and destruction, reduction in emissions of sulfur hexafluoride, sequestration of carbon due to afforestation ~~and~~, reduction or avoidance of carbon dioxide emissions from natural gas, oil or propane end-use combustion due to end-use energy efficiency, education and training programs for workforce development in the trades of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, efficiency and energy conservation and other categories established by the department by rule.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill adds as another category of carbon dioxide emissions offset projects funded by the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Trust Fund education and training programs for workforce development in the trades of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, efficiency and energy conservation.