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In Senate, February 5, 2013

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

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Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GERZOFSKY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick and  
Senators: DUTREMBLE of York, PLUMMER of Cumberland, Representatives: DION of  
Portland, RUSSELL of Portland, RYKERSON of Kittery.

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

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

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

15 **SUMMARY**

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