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**An Act To Cap the Value of Contracts for Renewable Resources and
Distributed Generation Resources**

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, FOSTER of Dexter, STETKIS of
Canaan, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210-G, sub-§2, ¶A** is enacted to read:

3 A. The total value of renewable energy credits from a Class 1A resource contracted
4 for under this section on or after the effective date of this paragraph may not exceed by
5 more than \$100,000 the reasonable costs associated with the Class 1A resource
6 becoming commercially operable. The commission shall adopt rules to implement this
7 paragraph. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as
8 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A and must include the method the
9 commission will use to determine the contract limitations imposed by this paragraph
10 on each contract entered into under this section.

11 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3484, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

12 **8. Contract limits.** The total value of a contract entered into under this chapter on or
13 after the effective date of this subsection between a standard buyer and a project sponsor
14 may not exceed by more than \$100,000 the reasonable costs associated with a project
15 becoming commercially operable. The commission shall adopt rules to implement this
16 subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined
17 in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A and must include the method the commission will
18 use to determine the contract limitations imposed by this subsection on each contract.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill caps contracts entered into under the renewable portfolio standard
21 procurement laws and the distributed generation procurement laws to reasonable costs
22 associated with making a resource or project commercially operable, plus \$100,000. It
23 directs the Public Utilities Commission to adopt routine technical rules to develop the
24 method the commission will use to determine the contract limitations imposed by this cap
25 for each contract.