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An Act to Protect Maine's Scenic Beauty by Requiring Solar Panel Fields to Be Hidden from View

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 HAGGAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative MCINTYRE of Lowell and
Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, JAVNER of Chester, PAUL of Winterport, QUINT of
Hodgdon, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRS A §484, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

3 **11. Special provisions; solar energy development.** In the case of a solar energy
4 development, the proposed development will be surrounded by a barrier, which may
5 include, but is not limited to, a fence, trees, bushes or other vegetation. The barrier must be
6 designed to sufficiently conceal the solar energy development from view from abutting
7 properties, as determined by the department.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill amends the site location of development laws to require that, prior to
10 approving a solar energy development proposal, the Department of Environmental
11 Protection find that the proposed development will be surrounded by a barrier designed to
12 sufficiently conceal the development from view from abutting properties.