

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

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S.P. 370 - L.D. 837

**An Act to Require Positions Taken by the Public Advocate to Be Consistent  
with the Cost-effective Implementation of the State's Greenhouse Gas  
Emissions Reductions Obligations**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §1702, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 79, §2, is amended to read:

**10. Independent representation of the interests of the using and consuming public.** The Public Advocate, when taking a position on any matter in any proceeding or forum pursuant to the Public Advocate's authority under this chapter, shall exercise independent judgment to ensure the position:

- A. Is consistent with the priorities established in section 1702-A and the requirements of this chapter; ~~and~~
- B. Promotes stabilization and lowering of prices paid by those members of the using and consuming public whose interests the Public Advocate is representing; and
- C. Is consistent with the cost-effective implementation for ratepayers of the greenhouse gas emissions reductions obligations established in Title 38, section 576-A.