

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

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S.P. 496 - L.D. 1207

An Act to Amend the Site Location of Development Laws to Require a 100-foot Buffer Between Solar Energy Developments and Rivers, Streams and Brooks

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §484, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Special provision; solar energy development. In the case of a proposed solar energy development, the development will not be constructed within 100 feet of a river, stream or brook. This subsection does not apply to vegetation removal activities necessary for shade management or road or utility line crossings within 100 feet of a river, stream or brook.

As used in this subsection, "solar energy development" means a development that uses a solar energy system consisting of ground-mounted solar panels to convert solar energy to electrical energy and includes generating facilities and associated facilities.