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An Act Regarding Offshore Wind Terminals Located in Coastal Sand Dune Systems

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RUNTE of York. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3411** is enacted to read:

3 **§3411. Offshore wind terminal located in coastal sand dune system**

4 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
5 following terms have the following meanings.

6 A. "Coastal sand dune system" has the same meaning as in Title 38, section 480-B,
7 subsection 1.

8 B. "Department" means the Department of Environmental Protection.

9 C. "Offshore wind terminal" has the same meaning as in section 3410, subsection 1,
10 paragraph D.

11 **2. Natural Resources Protection Act permitting authorized.** Notwithstanding any
12 provision of law regarding activities in coastal sand dune systems to the contrary, the
13 department may grant a permit under Title 38, section 480-D for an offshore wind terminal
14 located in a coastal sand dune system as long as all other applicable permitting and
15 licensing criteria under this chapter and Title 38, chapter 3 are met.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to grant a permit
18 under the Natural Resources Protection Act for an offshore wind terminal located in a
19 coastal sand dune system notwithstanding any provision of law regarding activities in
20 coastal sand dune systems to the contrary as long as all other applicable permitting and
21 licensing criteria are met.