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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 91, L.D. 187, “An Act to Eliminate the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Eliminate the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund and to Provide Needs-based Low-income Assistance'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§9, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 199, §1, is further amended to read:

B. The commission shall collect alternative compliance payments to meet the requirements of subsections 3-A and 3-B made by competitive electricity providers and shall ~~deposit use~~ all funds collected under this paragraph ~~in the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund established under section 10121, subsection 2 to be used to fund research, development and demonstration projects relating to renewable energy technologies and to fund rebates for cost-effective renewable energy technologies to provide financial assistance for low-income households in accordance with section 3214, subsection 2.~~

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 316, §3, is amended to read:

A. Receive funds collected by all transmission and distribution utilities in the State at a rate set by the commission in periodic rate cases; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. Receive funds collected by the commission for alternative compliance payments in accordance with section 3210, subsection 9, paragraph B; and

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §10121, as amended by PL 2011, c. 637, §8, is repealed.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
2 number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, and changes the title. It
5 requires alternative compliance payments made by competitive electricity providers to the
6 Public Utilities Commission to be used by the commission to provide needs-based low-
7 income assistance in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3214,
8 subsection 2. The amendment also repeals the law establishing the Energy Efficiency and
9 Renewable Resource Fund.

10 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

11 **(See attached)**