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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Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §10121, as amended by PL 2011, c. 637, §8, is repealed.'
Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

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

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)