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

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

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Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §10121, as amended by PL 2011, c. 637, §8, is repealed.