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An Act To Continue the Green Power Electricity Offer

(EMERGENCY)

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Public Utilities Commission currently arranges a green power offer pursuant to law; and

Whereas, Maine residents appreciate the option of selecting a renewable supply of power to their homes and businesses and the green power offer has been popular; and

Whereas, legislation to extend the law enabling the offer died upon the early conclusion of the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature; and

Whereas, the law enabling the offer will be repealed on April 1, 2021 without immediate action; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3212-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2015, c. 25, §1, is repealed.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This bill removes the repeal of the requirement that the Public Utilities Commission arrange for a green power offer for electricity.