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An Act To Prevent Conflict of Interest in Efficiency Maine Audits

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative STEVENS of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and
Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CRAY of Palmyra, DION of Portland, DUNPHY of
Emden, HARVELL of Farmington, HERBIG of Belfast, KESCHL of Belgrade, LUCHINI of
Ellsworth.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10102, sub-§5-A** is enacted to read:

3 **5-A. Energy savings measure.** "Energy savings measure" means a device or
4 application that is installed or implemented and that improves energy efficiency.

5 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §10105, sub-§5, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 372, Pt. B,
6 §3, is amended to read:

7 A. Provisions for the expenditure of trust funds, including, but not limited to, the
8 development of program budgets, criteria for energy efficiency and conservation
9 programs and other consumer benefit programs, the process for project selection and
10 approval, minimum requirements for project monitoring and verification and the cost-
11 effectiveness tests to be used for measuring and comparing program benefits and
12 costs; ~~and~~

13 **Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §10105, sub-§5, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 372, Pt. B,
14 §3, is amended to read:

15 B. Provisions for the independent evaluation of program expenditures to ensure cost-
16 effectiveness of projects to improve energy efficiency or to reduce greenhouse gases;
17 and

18 **Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §10105, sub-§5, ¶C** is enacted to read:

19 C. Provisions that prohibit individuals or businesses that conduct an energy audit
20 from financially benefiting from the installation or completion of any energy savings
21 measure identified in that energy audit.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 The bill requires the Efficiency Maine Trust Board to adopt rules that prohibit
24 individuals or businesses that conduct an energy audit from financially benefiting from
25 the installation or completion of any energy savings measure identified in that energy
26 audit.