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### **An Act to Update the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Allowances**

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Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.

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

2       **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §580-B, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 323, §1, is further  
3 amended to read:

4       **3. Base annual budget.** Until January 1, 2014, the base annual carbon dioxide  
5 emissions budget is established at 5,948,902 tons of carbon dioxide. For the year 2014, the  
6 base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is established at 3,277,250 tons of carbon  
7 dioxide. Beginning with the year 2015, the annual carbon dioxide emissions budget must  
8 decline by 2.5% each year through the year 2020. For the year 2021, the department shall  
9 establish the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget in accordance with the model  
10 rule and with rules adopted pursuant to subsection 4. Beginning with the year 2022, the  
11 annual carbon dioxide emissions budget must decline by 2.5% of the 2014 base annual  
12 carbon dioxide emissions budget each year through the year ~~2030~~ 2026. Beginning with  
13 the year 2027, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budgets are as follows.

14       A. For the year 2027, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 2,065,595  
15 tons.

16       B. For the year 2028, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 1,807,395  
17 tons.

18       C. For the year 2029, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 1,549,196  
19 tons.

20       D. For the year 2030, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 1,290,997  
21 tons.

22       E. For the year 2031, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 1,032,797  
23 tons.

24       F. For the year 2032, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 774,598 tons.

25       G. For the year 2033, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 516,399  
26 tons.

27       H. For the year 2034, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 442,627  
28 tons.

29       I. For the year 2035, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 368,856 tons.

30       J. For the year 2036, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 295,085 tons.

31       K. For the year 2037 and each subsequent year, the base annual carbon dioxide  
32 emissions budget is 221,314 tons.

33       **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §580-B, sub-§4, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 317, §17, is  
34 repealed.

35       **Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §580-B, sub-§10, ¶D**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2009, c.  
36 652, Pt. A, §61, is repealed.

37       **Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §580-C, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 317, §17, is amended  
38 to read:

39       **1. Withdrawal by State.** The ability of this State to withdraw from the regional  
40 greenhouse gas initiative; ~~or~~.

**Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §580-C, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 317, §17, is repealed.

## SUMMARY

This bill amends certain provisions governing the regional greenhouse gas initiative. It amends the amount of carbon dioxide emissions allowances the State may auction as a participant in the regional greenhouse gas initiative for the year 2027 and each subsequent year. It also eliminates requirements for establishing and developing carbon dioxide offset project categories.