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In Senate, March 3, 2015

### **An Act To Reduce Carbon Emissions from Residential Heating**

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Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.  
Cosponsored by Representative WELSH of Rockport and  
Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: BUCKLAND of Farmington, CAMPBELL  
of Orrington, DUCHESNE of Hudson, HARLOW of Portland, WHITE of Washburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §580-B, sub-§7**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2009, c. 652,  
3 Pt. A, §60, is amended to read:

4 **7. Allocation of carbon dioxide emissions allowances.** The department shall  
5 allocate 100% of the annual carbon dioxide emissions allowances for public benefit to  
6 produce funds for carbon reduction and energy conservation, as specified in Title 35-A,  
7 section 10109. Except as provided in subsections 7-A and 8, the department shall sell the  
8 carbon dioxide emissions allowances at public auction, in accordance with rules adopted  
9 under subsection 4. ~~Revenue~~ Except as provided in subsection 7-B, revenue resulting  
10 from the sale of allowances must be deposited in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative  
11 Trust Fund established under Title 35-A, section 10109.

12 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §580-B, sub-§7-B** is enacted to read:

13 **7-B. High-efficiency wood stove incentive; set aside.** The department shall set  
14 aside no less than \$200,000 per year of the revenue resulting from the sale of carbon  
15 dioxide emissions allowances in subsection 7 for the purchase of high-efficiency wood  
16 stoves through financial incentives as determined by the department by rule. Rules  
17 adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as described in Title 5,  
18 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

19 This subsection is repealed June 1, 2020.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection to set aside no less  
22 than \$200,000 per year of the revenue resulting from the sale of carbon dioxide emissions  
23 allowances for the purchase of high-efficiency wood stoves through financial incentives  
24 as determined by the department by rule.