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An Act To Authorize the Development of Thorium Energy

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative O'CONNOR of Berwick and
Senators: MASON of Androscoggin, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: DUNPHY of
Embden, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§2, ¶B-3**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 542, §3, is
3 amended to read:

4 B-3. "Renewable capacity resource" means a source of electrical generation:

5 (1) Whose total power production capacity does not exceed 100 megawatts and
6 relies on one or more of the following:

7 (a) Fuel cells;

8 (b) Tidal power;

9 (c) Solar arrays and installations;

10 (d) Geothermal installations;

11 (e) Hydroelectric generators that meet all state and federal fish passage
12 requirements applicable to the generator; or

13 (f) Biomass generators that are fueled by wood or wood waste, landfill gas
14 or anaerobic digestion of agricultural products, by-products or wastes; ~~or~~

15 (2) That relies on wind power installations; or

16 (3) That is a liquid fluoride thorium reactor, as defined in section 4201.

17 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 542, §5, is
18 further amended to read:

19 C. "Renewable resource" means a source of electrical generation:

20 (1) That qualifies as a small power production facility under the Federal Energy
21 Regulatory Commission rules, 18 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 292, Subpart
22 B, as in effect on January 1, 1997; ~~or~~

23 (2) Whose total power production capacity does not exceed 100 megawatts and
24 that relies on one or more of the following:

25 (a) Fuel cells;

26 (b) Tidal power;

27 (c) Solar arrays and installations;

28 (d) Wind power installations;

29 (e) Geothermal installations;

30 (f) Hydroelectric generators;

31 (g) Biomass generators that are fueled by wood or wood waste, landfill gas
32 or anaerobic digestion of agricultural products, by-products or wastes; or

33 (h) Generators fueled by municipal solid waste in conjunction with
34 recycling; or

35 (3) A liquid fluoride thorium reactor, as defined in section 4201.

