

STATE OF MAINE

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S.P. 892 - L.D. 2099

An Act to Make Changes to Certain Laws Governing Renewable Energy
Projects

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

Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §9, sub-§6-A, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 411, §1, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) "Combined project" means a distributed solar facility that is paired with an energy storage system.

Sec. 2. 2 MRSA §9, sub-§6-A, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 411, §1, is amended to read:

E. Except as provided in ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs C and F, ratepayer funds may not be used to implement the program or to provide funding under the program to distributed solar facilities or energy storage systems.

Sec. 3. 2 MRSA §9, sub-§6-A, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. The office may petition the Public Utilities Commission to procure energy, capacity or renewable energy credits in accordance with Title 35-A, section 3803 from distributed solar facilities or combined projects that receive federal funding pursuant to the program. The commission may not direct a transmission and distribution utility to enter into a long-term contract for energy, capacity or renewable energy credits from a distributed solar facility or a combined project unless the commission finds that the contract will benefit ratepayers and the procurement is in accordance with Title 35-A, section 3804.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3408, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 481, §6, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The Department of Labor shall adopt routine technical rules, as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, to implement this subsection. The Department of Labor may adopt routine technical rules relating to the Maine emerging industry compensation threshold.