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House of Representatives, March 10, 2021

**An Act To Allow a Customer with a Net Energy Billing
Arrangement To Annually Donate Any Unused Kilowatt-hour
Credits**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3209-A, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Donation of unused kilowatt-hour credits. Not more than once per year, a customer that has a net energy billing arrangement with a transmission and distribution utility may donate any unused kilowatt-hour credits accumulated by that customer to another customer of that same transmission and distribution utility.

Sec. 2. Public Utilities Commission review of net energy billing shared interest. The Public Utilities Commission shall review the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3209-A and the Public Utilities Commission rule Chapter 313, Customer Net Energy Billing, to determine if it is unreasonably burdensome for a small number of residential customers of a transmission and distribution utility to create a shared financial interest in a distributed generation resource for the purposes of net energy billing. In conducting the review, the commission shall also evaluate whether applicable provisions are clearly written and easily understandable. By December 1, 2021, the commission shall submit the results of the review conducted pursuant to this section to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology and shall include any suggested legislation or rule changes resulting from the review. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

SUMMARY

This bill allows, not more than once per year, a customer that has a net energy billing arrangement with a transmission and distribution utility to donate any unused kilowatt-hour credits accumulated by that customer to another customer of that same transmission and distribution utility.

It also requires the Public Utilities Commission to review the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3209-A and its rule Chapter 313, Customer Net Energy Billing, to determine if it is unreasonably burdensome for a small number of residential customers of a transmission and distribution utility to create a shared financial interest in a distributed generation resource for the purposes of net energy billing and to evaluate whether the rules regarding shared financial interest among a small number of residential customers only are clearly written and easy to understand. It requires the commission to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by December 1, 2021 the results of its review and to include any suggested legislation or rule changes. It allows the committee to report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.