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## **An Act To Prevent Conflict of Interest in Efficiency Maine Audits**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10102, sub-§5-A** is enacted to read:

**5-A. Energy savings measure.** "Energy savings measure" means a device or application that is installed or implemented and that improves energy efficiency.

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §10105, sub-§5, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 372, Pt. B, §3, is amended to read:

A. Provisions for the expenditure of trust funds, including, but not limited to, the development of program budgets, criteria for energy efficiency and conservation programs and other consumer benefit programs, the process for project selection and approval, minimum requirements for project monitoring and verification and the cost-effectiveness tests to be used for measuring and comparing program benefits and costs; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §10105, sub-§5, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 372, Pt. B, §3, is amended to read:

B. Provisions for the independent evaluation of program expenditures to ensure cost-effectiveness of projects to improve energy efficiency or to reduce greenhouse gases; ~~and~~

**Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §10105, sub-§5, ¶C** is enacted to read:

C. Provisions that prohibit individuals or businesses that conduct an energy audit from financially benefiting from the installation or completion of any energy savings measure identified in that energy audit.

### **SUMMARY**

The bill requires the Efficiency Maine Trust Board to adopt rules that prohibit individuals or businesses that conduct an energy audit from financially benefiting from the installation or completion of any energy savings measure identified in that energy audit.