

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten

AN ACT relative to increasing the percentage of moneys from the greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Fund to assist low-income residents.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

WHEREAS, the general court finds that:

- I. Low-income families and senior citizens on fixed incomes face significant hardship in paying increased energy costs,
- II. Energy efficient housing reduces energy bills, enabling low-income families, and senior citizens on fixed incomes, to better afford their basic needs, and thereby also reduces the likelihood of reliance on state and local social safety nets,
- III. Approximately 100,000 low-income homes have yet to receive energy efficiency services in New Hampshire,
- IV. Low-income families face the market barrier of not having the capital to make energy efficiency upgrades to their homes on their own.

AMEND RSA 125-0:23, III as follows:

At least ~~40~~ **15** percent of the moneys shall be used to assist low-income residential customers, as defined by the commission and in a manner compatible with other low-income programs administered by the commission, to reduce total energy use including heating fuels and to foster the development and retrofitting of highly efficient and affordable housing. **Any such moneys directed pursuant to this section to the statewide "CORE" low income electric energy efficiency program authorized by RSA 374-F:3 shall be used to supplement and not supplant funds received for such program from the System Benefits Charge under RSA 374-F:3, VI.**