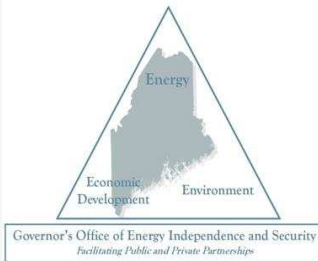


Energy Efficiency

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2009

The cleanest energy is energy not used



June 12, 2009

[Governor John E. Baldacci](#) signed An Act Regarding Maine's Energy Future ([PL 2009 372](#)), establishing the Efficiency Maine Trust and Board, which bring together state energy re-

bate, efficiency, and conservation programs. The Board will design, coordinate and integrate energy efficiency, weatherization and alternative energy programs in the State for energy consumers in Maine. Individuals, families and businesses will have a one-stop shop they can go to for their energy efficiency needs.

The law establishes a fund to build new affordable housing and

rehabilitate existing housing with a focus on energy efficiency. It also sets goals that include building private sector jobs in clean energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, reducing peak electric energy consumption, and by 2030, weatherizing all residences and 50 percent of businesses and reducing the State's consumption of liquid fossil fuels by least 30 percent.

LAST MONTH: EFFICIENT APPLIANCE REBATES IN FLORIDA

May 18, 2009- [Governor Charlie Crist](#), by signing [House Bill 167](#), created a rebate program that helps make energy-efficient appliances more affordable.

The legislation enables the Florida Energy and Climate Commission ([FECC](#)) to develop and manage the Energy-efficient Appliance Rebate Program for residential energy-efficient appliances. The FECC will adopt guidelines designating eligible appliances, rebate amounts, and the process for issuing rebates.

Cleaning up transportation

June 4, 2009

[Governor Bill Ritter](#) signed three New Energy Economy transportation bills that will help Coloradans reduce the air pollution their cars release, increase fuel economy, minimize their carbon footprint and boost energy independence.

"The Innovative Auto Act," ([HB 1331](#)) extends tax credits to those who convert their vehicles to run on cleaner-burning

compressed natural gas, purchase or convert to plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, and updates tax credits to target the most fuel-efficient hybrid vehicles and phase out credits for hybrids with lower fuel economy.

In addition to this act, the governor signed [House Bill 1298](#), which supports cleaner and more fuel efficient long haul trucks and makes it easier to install devices

that allow resting drivers to stay warm in their vehicles without idling their engines, and [Senate Bill 75](#), which expands road access for drivers of low-speed electric vehicles.



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