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This compilation of state statutory citations focuses predominantly on climate change laws in effect January 1, 1970 through August 31, 2010. In some instances, regulations have been included in the compilation due to their significance. This compilation is intended to serve as a researcher-friendly inventory of state laws by providing the formal title of relevant legislation, the standard legal citation for each statute and a brief description of the law. Some statutes and regulations listed do not specifically relate to climate change, but are included because of their complementary relationship to the evolution of climate change law in the state.

Title	Citation	Description
Declaration of policy on smart grid infrastructure; legislative findings (2009)	35-A ME. REV. STAT. ANN. § 3143	Legislature recognizes the consequences of climate change and is committed to reducing emissions as part of smart grid technology.
Energy and Carbon Savings Trust (2009)	ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 35, § 10008	Repealed as of July 1, 2010.
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Act of 2007 (2009)	ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 38, §§ 580 - 580-C	Development of a carbon cap-and-trade system.
Climate Change (2003)	ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 38, §§ 574 - 579	Create programs to lead by example to other states by reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2010 to 1990 levels, by 2020 to be 10% below 1990 levels, and long-term goal to be 75% to 80% below 2003 levels.
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative		Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont joined together to limit greenhouse gas emissions. Goal is to reduce emissions through development of a cap-and-trade program.