

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 176**

H. P. 152

House of Representatives, January 8, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Taxation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Baker of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Remove the Sales Tax from Residential Electricity.**

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

**36 MRSA § 1760, sub-§ 9-B, first sentence**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 686, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**Sale of residential electricity.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Public Utilities Commission has recently ordered a "flat rate" for residential electricity users, under which every user pays the same amount per kilowatt hour. Previously, a "declining block structure" benefited the high users. Removal of the entire sales tax will similarly put all residential customers on an equal basis. Removal of the entire sales tax will result in an annual revenue loss of \$800,000.