

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 201**

H. P. 188

House of Representatives, January 12, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rolde of York.

Cosponsors: Senator Hichens of York, Senator Wood of York and Mr. Lancaster of Kittery.

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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 Provide Equitable Treatment for Elderly Maine Residents Serviced by New Hampshire Electric Utilities.**

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

**35 MRSA § 102**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 368, is further amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read:

**Any public utility, providing service within the State, which offers a discount to any of its customers who fall within a specifically designated class shall offer that discount to every person it serves who falls within that class. For purposes of this section, the creation of a class based on the age of persons within that class is permissible.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

Currently a New Hampshire electric utility offers a rate discount to elderly New Hampshire residents, but does not offer the same discount to elderly Maine residents served by that utility. This bill would require a utility providing service in this State to extend any discount it offers, to every person it serves who falls within the class of persons offered the discount.