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## STATE OF MAINE (Filing No. S-312) SENATE 110TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 577, L.D. 657, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the Public Utilities Commission Officials' and Employees' Compensation."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §6, sub-§5, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 579, \$1, and c. 651, \$1, and as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 663, \$3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

5. Range 86. The salaries of the following state officials and employees shall be within salary range 86:

Adjutant General;

Director of Labor;

Deputy Chief of the State Police;

Director of Transportation of the Public Utilities Commission;

Director of State Lotteries;

State Archivist;

Director of Maine Geological Survey;

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Executive Director,/Land Use Regulation Commission;

Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board; and

Chairman, Maine Employment Securities Commission.

Sec. 2. 2 MRSA §6, sub-§7, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 732, §§ 3 and 31, is further amended to read: COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AMENIMENT "A" to H.P. 577, L.D. 657

7. Range 83. The salaries of the following state officials and employees shall be within salary range 83:

Deputy Adjutant General;

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Secretary-of-Public-Utilities-Commission;

Chief Boiler Inspector and Supervising Elevator Inspector; and Dispute Resolution Specialists.

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Sec.3. 2 MRSA §6-A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 697, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§6-A. Salaries of commissioners and certain employees of the

Public Utilities Commission

The salaries of the commissioners and certain employees of the Public Utilities Commission shall be as follows.

1. Chairman. The salary of the chairman of the commission shall be at salary range 91, step B.

2. Commission members. The salary of members of the commission shall be at salary range 89, step A.

3. Other employees. The salaries of the following employees shall be at salary range 88, step C:

A. General counsel;

B. Director of Finance; and

C. Secretary.

4. Legislative approval. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the pay ranges and steps for the state officials listed in this section shall not be changed without legislative approval.

## Fiscal Note

The additional cost to the Public Utilities Commission Dedicated Revenue Account will be \$8,446, plus or minus the



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difference in the secretary's salary, depending on the new person's starting salary.

## Statement of Fact

This conference committee amendment does 2 things:

 It establishes the salaries of commissioners and employees at the Public Utilities Commission as follows:

A. Chairman of the commission, range 91, step B;

B. Members of the commission, range 89, step A; and

and secretary, C. General counsel, director of finance/ range 88, step C, and

2. It provides that any changes in range and step for these employees shall be only by legislative action. They will receive any across-the-board raises given to all state employees.

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