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Legislative Document No. 2122
H. P. 2275 Reported by Report B from the Committee on Public Utilities and printed under Joint Rules No. 2. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
STATE OF MAINE
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
AN ACT to Amend the Electric Rate Reform Act to Require the Public Utilities Commission to Consider Utility Financing of Energy Conservation.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
Sec. 1. 35 MRSA §93, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1979, c. 399, §3, is further amended to read:
3. <u>Policies.</u> Policies which encourage economic use of fuel and which encourage the maximum efficient utilization of natural energy resources indigenous to the State; and
Sec. 2. 35 MRSA §93, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 521, is amended to read:
4. Rates or regulatory policies. Rates or other regulatory policies which encourage electric utility system reliability-; and

1 Sec. 3. 35 MRSA §93, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Utility financing of energy conservation. Electric utility financing or subsidization of capital improvements undertaken by ratepayers to conserve the ratepayer's future use of electricity.

STATEMENT OF FACT

In 1977, Maine passed the Electric Rate Reform Act requiring the Public Utilities Commission to order electric utilities to submit proposals to the commission to "encourage energy conservation, minimize the need for new electrical generating capacity, and minimize costs of electricity to consumers." This new draft amends that Act by including utility financing of energy conservation as one of the specific areas which should be reviewed by the commission.

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