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H.P. 415

House of Representatives, January 28, 1997

An Act to Require Approval of Municipalities for Construction of Natural Gas Pipelines.

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell.
Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and
Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GREEN of
Monmouth, O'NEIL of Saco, POWERS of Rockport, RINES of Wiscasset, SHIAH of
Bowdoinham, STANLEY of Medway.

| | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: |
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| 2 | Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §4502, sub-§3 is enacted to read: |
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| | 3. Municipal approval. A natural gas pipeline utility may |
| 6 | not construct any intrastate or interstate natural gas pipeline |
| | until the utility has obtained all applicable municipal land use |
| 8 | and zoning permits and approvals. |
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| | SUMMARY |
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| | This bill requires natural gas utilities to comply with |
| 14 | municipal land use ordinances and zoning ordinances prior to constructing any natural gas pipeline. |