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House of Representatives, February 11, 1999

**An Act Authorizing the Release of Information to a Competitive
Electricity Provider.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BERRY of Belmont.
Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and
Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, FOSTER of Gray, JOY of Crystal, LINDAHL of
Northport, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, TRUE of Fryeburg, Senator: MITCHELL of
Penobscot.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3295, sub-§3, ¶I,** as enacted by PL 1997, c.
4 316, §3, is amended to read:

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7 I. A distribution utility may not release any proprietary
8 customer information without to a licensed competitive
9 electricity provider unless the provider certifies that it
10 obtained the prior written authorization of the customer.

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SUMMARY

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15 This bill allows customers of an electricity provider to
16 give approval for the release of their proprietary information to
17 a competitive electricity provider by means other than written
18 authorization. This change will reduce the administrative burden
19 on utilities and competitive energy providers. It still allows
20 the Public Utilities Commission to protect customers through its
21 statutory ability to control the conduct of competitive energy
22 providers by virtue of the licensing process.