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**An Act Concerning the Restoration of Electricity During
Emergencies for Certain Medically Vulnerable Individuals Who
Rely on Electronic Medical Apparatuses**

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3144, sub-§2, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 120, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 E. Procedures for deployment of internal and external resources during an emergency,
5 including field employees, supplies and equipment needed; ~~and~~

6 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3144, sub-§2, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 120, §1, is
7 amended to read:

8 F. Provisions to ensure the safety of the employees and external contractors engaged
9 in emergency response efforts; ~~and~~

10 **Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3144, sub-§2, ¶G** is enacted to read:

11 G. Procedures for the identification of and outreach plans regarding customers who
12 have a documented need of electricity for essential medical equipment, including an
13 apnea monitor for an infant, a cuirass respirator, a hemodialysis machine, an
14 intravenous feeding machine, an intravenous infusion machine, an oxygen
15 concentrator, a positive-pressure respirator, a respirator or ventilator, a rocking bed
16 respirator, an aspirator, a tank-type respirator or any other medical equipment
17 necessary for an individual whose medical condition is likely to be significantly
18 triggered or exacerbated by a continued loss of electricity in a way that will adversely
19 impact that individual's health.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill requires investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to include in
22 their emergency response plans procedures for the identification of and outreach plans
23 regarding customers who have a documented need of electricity for essential medical
24 equipment.