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House of Representatives, March 18, 2025

An Act to Establish Immunity for a Receiver Appointed by the Public Utilities Commission to Oversee the Operations of a Consumer-owned Water Utility

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport.

1	Be it enacted by the reopie of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §6410-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:
3 4 5 6	1-A. Liability. A receiver appointed by the commission pursuant to subsection 1 that is acting in good faith while exercising the authorities granted pursuant to subsection 1 must be treated in the same manner as an employee acting on behalf of a governmental entity under Title 14, chapter 741.
7	SUMMARY
8	This bill specifies that a receiver appointed by the Public Utilities Commission to
9	oversee the operations of a consumer-owned water utility must be treated in the same
10	manner as an employee acting on behalf of a governmental entity under the Maine Tort
11	Claims Act. This change provides a receiver, who acts in place of trustees, with the same
12	immunity accorded to trustees.