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MAJORITY

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 619, L.D. 1535, "An Act to Reduce Illegal Cannabis Operations by Requiring Permits for High Electrical Usage"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Facilitate Stakeholder Discussions Related to High Electrical Usage'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Stakeholder discussion. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall facilitate at least one meeting among stakeholders to discuss the subject matter of L.D. 1535, An Act to Reduce Illegal Cannabis Operations by Requiring Permits for High Electrical Usage, as introduced in the First Special Session of the 132nd Legislature. The stakeholders must include representatives from the following organizations:

1. Consumer-owned and investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities;
2. The Maine Sheriffs' Association;
3. The Maine State Police;
4. The Maine Municipal Association;
5. The Office of the State Fire Marshal; and
6. The Maine Fire Chiefs' Association.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by January 15, 2026, the Public Utilities Commission shall provide a report summarizing the stakeholder discussions under section 1, including any recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. The committee may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 619, L.D. 1535 (S-264)

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. It requires the Public Utilities Commission to facilitate at least one discussion among stakeholders regarding the subject matter of L.D. 1535, An Act to Reduce Illegal Cannabis Operations by Requiring Permits for High Electrical Usage, as introduced in the First Special Session of the 132nd Legislature. By January 15, 2026, the commission must provide a report summarizing the discussions, including any recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1535

LR 2304(02)

An Act to Reduce Illegal Cannabis Operations by Requiring Permits for High Electrical Usage

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S.264)
Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission or the Department of Public Safety from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.