

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
**Public Utilities**

BILL SUMMARY



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1282	AN ACT TO REMOVE THE JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OVER CERTAIN DEALERS OF GAS IN LIQUID FORM	Ridley Paradis McGowan Emerson (for PUC)	ENACT. PL 207 (OTPA)
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SUMMARY: The bill removes PUC jurisdiction over dealers who sell liquid gas in small tanks, or to less than 10 customers from a large tank.

Committee Amendment (H-125) retains Public Utility Commission safety jurisdiction over central tanks serving more than 10 customers.

1293	AN ACT TO INCREASE THE BORROWING CAPACITY OF THE WINTERPORT WATER DISTRICT	Crowley	ENACT. EMER P&S 31 (OTPA) REFERENDUM
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SUMMARY: Increases the debt limit of the district from \$400,000 to \$800,000.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-193) Adds a referendum if 5% of the voters, but at least 50 voters, request it.

1310	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MUNICIPALITIES AS AGENTS FOR UTILITIES WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHARGES ASSESSED FOR USE OF RAILROAD CROSSINGS	J. Martin	ENACT. PL 255 (OTP)
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SUMMARY: Allows railroads to use municipalities as their collection agents for railroad crossing fees.

1340	AN ACT TO CREATE AN INCENTIVE-PENALTY RATE BASE ADJUSTMENT	J. Martin Baldacci Z. Matthews McGowan (for PUC)	LV/WD
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SUMMARY: Would have adjusted the portion of the cost of a new generating facility which is included in rate base. Only 90% of a cost overrun would be included, but 10% of any cost savings could be included. Intended to provide an incentive for cost savings on major projects, over \$100 .pa million.