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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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LD 1964 An Act to Establish Additional Requirements Related to the Sale or Lease of Net Energy Billing Interests and Solar Energy Equipment

Public Law 2025, chapter 575 does the following.

1. It makes misrepresentation as a representative or affiliate of an electric utility or representative or official of a governmental agency or program when selling, offering to sell, leasing, installing or entering into any other financial arrangement regarding an electricity product a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.
2. It clarifies the definition of “merchandise” for the purposes of the laws governing consumer solicitation sales to specify that “merchandise” includes a contract for a shared financial interest in a distributed generation resource that has a net energy billing arrangement in the kilowatt-hour credit or commercial and institutional net energy billing program as well as solar energy equipment.
3. It clarifies the definition of “merchandise” for the purposes of the laws governing transient sellers of consumer merchandise to specify that “merchandise” includes a contract for a shared financial interest in a distributed generation resource that has a net energy billing arrangement in the kilowatt-hour credit or commercial and institutional net energy billing program as well as solar energy equipment.
4. Beginning June 1, 2026, it requires a person who sells or leases solar energy equipment that is installed on the customer side of the meter to provide a standard written disclosure to a customer prior to a sale or lease. A failure to provide the standard written disclosure as required by the law is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act. The Department of Energy Resources must develop two model standard written disclosure forms for the sale and for the lease of solar energy equipment and make the disclosure forms available on the department’s publicly accessible website.
5. By March 1, 2026, it requires each large, investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to annually provide the interconnection ombudsman with the average interconnection costs for the previous calendar year by project size. By May 1, starting in 2026, the interconnection ombudsman must annually publish the average interconnection costs by project size on the Public Utilities Commission’s website.

Public Law 2025, chapter 575 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 1966 An Act to Increase Disclosure of Utility Charges and Improve Access to Distributed Generation Resources in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 766 does the following.

1. It requires a transmission and distribution utility with over 50,000 customers to disclose any administrative charges included in a customer bill for work funded directly by that customer.