

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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Presented by Mr. Stillings of Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Filing Certificate of Agent's Appointment by Certain Carriers.

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

R. S., T. 29, § 1656, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 1656 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Each carrier holding a permit or certificate from the Public Utilities Commission shall file with said commission and the State Police in writing an appointment of a resident of this State to be its true and lawful agent, representative or attorney upon whom all lawful processes regarding any violation of this section may be served, and who may be required to appear in court on behalf of the carrier with the same legal force and validity as if the carrier were itself in court with regard to said violation. The written assent of such resident agent, representative or attorney shall be filed with said commission and the State Police.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The State Police do not maintain a file of carriers holding a permit or certificate from the Public Utilities Commission and therefore have no need for the information required to be filed with them under this section. This represents an unnecessary duplication of activity by state agencies and imposes a likewise unnecessary burden on PUC carriers. The Public Utilities Commission is the logical agency to maintain a file such as this since it is the only state agency having knowledge of who is required to file.