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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
106TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " B " to S. P. 710, L.D.
2122, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Liability of
Natural Gas Distributors."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything
after the enacting clause and inserting in place
thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. R. S., T. 14, § 165, additional.
Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended by
adding a new section 165 to read as follows:


§ 165. Liability of natural gas distributors

The escape of natural gas from the natural
gas distribution system resulting in damage to
property, by fire or explosion, or injury or
death, to person by fire or explosion or
inhalation, shall give rise to a rebuttable
presumption of negligent conduct on the part of
the distributors of natural gas.

Sec. 2. Application. This Act shall not
be construed to affect any cause of action
arising prior to the effective date of this Act.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to place a
rebuttable presumption of negligent conduct on
the distributors of the escape of natural gas
and to clarify the application of the Act.

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