

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1162

S. P. 358

In Senate, March 20, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Graham of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Utility Deposit Practices.

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

35 MRSA § 105 is enacted to read:

§ 105. Utility deposits

No public utility shall require any deposit of any customer without proof that the customer is likely to be a credit risk or to damage the property of the utility. Such proof shall be furnished to the customer upon request. Absence of previous experience with the utility shall not be proof that the customer is a credit risk or threatens to damage utility property. Requirement of any deposit by a utility in violation of this section is declared to be an unfair trade practice or act for purposes of Title 5, chapter 10.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require affirmative proof that a utility customer is a credit risk as a prerequisite to demanding a security deposit. This bill was supported by the Governor in his legislative address to the 107th Legislature.