

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1549

H. P. 1249

House of Representatives, April 2, 1975

On Motion of Mr. Kelleher of Bangor referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Faucher of Solon.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Concerning Disconnection of Electric, Gas and  
Water Utilities to Leased or Rented Property.

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

35 MRSA § 314 is enacted to read:

§ 314. Disconnection of electric, gas and water utilities to leased or rented properties

No electric, gas or water company shall, at the request of any owner, lessor or agent, cause electric, water or gas services to be terminated with respect to any leased or rented property, unless the owner or lessor furnishes a statement signed by the lessee agreeing to such termination or a notarized statement signed by the lessor to the effect that the premises are vacant.

Before any such company disconnects service without such a statement, it shall give at least 10 days' notice prior to the disconnection or termination of the utilities to at least one adult tenant occupying said premises and an opportunity for the tenant or tenants to put the utilities in his or her own name prior to the disconnection or termination. The security deposit shall not be unreasonable or discriminatory.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill enacts a rule which has been adopted by the Public Utilities Commission concerning the termination of electric, gas and water service to tenants at the request of a landlord.