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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
107TH LEGISLATURE

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1361, L.D. 1663, Bill,  
"AN ACT Relating to Termination of Utility Service."

Amend said Bill in that part designated "§314." by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'1. Discontinuance upon nonpayment. No utility shall disconnect or terminate the utility service of any unconsenting residential customer for nonpayment of a delinquent account unless:

A. In the case of a water company or water district, the amount owing is more than an estimated bill for 3 months' service and in the case of any other utility if the amount owing is more than \$50; and

B. The utility terminates service no less than 50 days from the date the account was due and no less than 20 days from the date that the customer has actual notice that his or her account is delinquent.'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§314." by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'3. Imposition of additional standards. The provisions of this section are intended to be minimal standards applicable to termination of utility service and nothing shall be construed to prevent the Public Utilities Commission from adopting additional rules, regulations or tariffs to cover this subject.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to revise provisions of the bill relating to termination of utility services and imposition of additional standards to reflect the views of the committee.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Public Utilities.

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