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## STATE OF MAINE SENATE 107TH LEGISLATURE

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

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

'35 MRSA §314 is enacted to read:

## §314. Termination of utility services

The Public Utilities Commission shall adopt and promulgate regulations concerning the termination of any customer's service by a public utility. These regulations shall provide for adequate notice to such customer of his prospective disconnection, of his rights under public utility statutes and Public Utilities Commission and utility regulations and policies, and of courses of appeal available to him from the utility's disconnection decision. The purpose of these regulations shall be to enable that customer to take proper action to maintain his utility service or to resume his utility service in order to limit or eliminate undue hardship caused by termination of that service.'

## Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require the Public Utilities Commission to promulgate rules and regulations pertaining to termination of utility service by public utilities, to clarify the authority of the commission to regulate such

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termination and to allow the commission flexibility not possible if provisions concerning termination were set out in detail by statute.

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COUNTY: Androscoggin

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