

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 352**

H. P. 295

House of Representatives, February 9, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelleher of Bangor.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Granting Implied Powers to the Public Utilities Commission.**

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

**35 MRSA § 313** is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§ 313. Implied powers**

The provisions of chapters 1 to 17 shall be interpreted and construed liberally in order to accomplish the purposes therein. The commission shall have, in addition to the powers specified in chapters 1 to 17, all additional, implied and incidental powers which are necessary to effect and carry out all the powers specified in chapters 1 to 17. A substantial compliance with the requirements of chapters 1 to 17 shall be sufficient to give effect to all the rules, orders, acts and regulations of the commission, and they shall not be declared inoperative, illegal or void for any omission of a technical nature in respect thereto. Each section of chapters 1 to 17, and every part of each section, are hereby declared to be independent sections and the holding of any section or sections or part or parts thereof to be void, ineffective or unconstitutional for any cause shall not be deemed to affect any other section or part thereof.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this bill is to grant the Public Utilities Commission those implied powers as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of chapters 1 to 17 of the Public Utility Regulatory Statute.