

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 617**

H. P. 499

House of Representatives, February 23, 1977

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. Tyndale of Kennebunkport.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Concerning Termination of Public Utilities Service.**

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

**35 MRSA § 314**, as enacted by **PL 1975, c. 548**, is amended by adding after the first sentence, the following new sentence:

**No utility may disconnect or terminate the service of any residential customer without the approval of the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to the rules and regulations established by the commission.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require any utility which wishes to terminate the service to any residential consumer to seek the approval of the Public Utilities Commission before proceeding with the termination. Many persons within the State who are ill or who have an extraordinary need for utility service presently have no means to prevent termination. This bill would provide a screening process prior to any terminations which would assist in identifying these extraordinary cases and preventing the utility from depriving them of utility service.