

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1539

H. P. 1301

House of Representatives, April 12, 1977

Referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Howe of So. Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Require that Bills be Mailed within 2 Days of the Billing Date.

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

to MRSA c. 7 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 7

BILLING PROCEDURES

§ 351. Bills charging interest for late payment; mailing

Every person, corporation, partnership or other legal entity billing for goods or services sold or performed within the State which mails, distributes or otherwise delivers any bill or statement of the amount due for those goods or services, which bill contains any provision that unless payment is made within a stated period of time from some ascertainable date interest will be charged on the amount due, shall mail, distribute, send or otherwise deliver that bill or statement no later than 48 hours after the ascertainable date from which the stated period is calculated.

Violation of this section shall be a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would provide that persons, corporations or other entities charging interest for late payment of bills shall mail or send those bills within 48 hours of the date from which the period of payment is calculated for purposes of determining the lateness of payment.