

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 147

H. P. 115

House of Representatives, January 7, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jacques of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Prevent Electric Utilities from Collecting More in Sales Tax than They Pay to the State.

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

36 MRSA § 1812, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 295, § 3, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

A public utility selling electricity may not use the schedule contained in this section. The tax to be added is 5% of the nonexempt sales price, rounded off to the nearest cent. The utility shall pay to the State Tax Assessor all taxes collected.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to prevent electric utilities from enjoying a large windfall by collecting more in sales tax than they turn over to the State.