

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 595

H. P. 529

House of Representatives, February 3, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Cunningham of New Gloucester.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Exempt Fuel Adjustment Charges of Electric Utilities from the Requirement that such Charges be Prorated.

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

35 MRSA § 66, first sentence, is amended to read:

It shall be unlawful for any public utility to charge, demand, collect or receive a greater or less compensation, except as otherwise provided in section 103, for any service performed by it within the State or for any service in connection therewith, than is specified in such printed schedules, including schedules of joint rates, as may at the time be in force, or to demand, collect or receive any rate, toll or charge not specified in such schedules, **except that where an electric utility changes its fuel adjustment charges pursuant to section 131, such change may, for billing purposes, relate back to the commencement of the billing cycle during which the change was approved by the commission.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would allow an electric utility to charge customers any newly approved change in the fuel adjustment charge for the full billing period during which the change in the charge has been approved by the commission. Under prior law, the utilities were required to prorate the new fuel adjustment charge.