

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 648

H. P. 572

House of Representatives, February 4, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Davies of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Extend the Period During which Proposed Rate Changes for Common Carriers may be Suspended.

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

35 MRSA § 1554, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 475, § 2, is amended to read:

The commission may at any time before the effective date of such schedule, by delivering notice thereof to the agency filing such schedule and to the common carriers affected thereby, suspend the operation of such schedule or any part thereof, but not for a longer period than ~~120 days~~ **7 months** from the date of filing such schedule.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would allow the Public Utilities Commission to suspend the effective date of a new schedule of rates for up to 7 months from the date on which the schedule was filed. Under existing law, the schedules could only be suspended for a total of 120 days from the date of filing.