

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 656**

H. P. 576

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 Ridley of Shapleigh and Representative Weymouth of W. Gardiner.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**AN ACT to Increase the Assessments upon Certain Public Utilities and to Include Railroad Companies among the Utilities Assessed.**

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

**35 MRSA § 17, sub-§ 1, first sentence**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 427, is amended to read:

Every electric, gas, telegraph, telephone and water utility **and every railroad company** subject to regulation by the commission shall be subject to an assessment of not more than .2% of the intrastate gross operating revenues of each utility **and railroad company** to produce no more than ~~\$150,000~~ **\$250,000** in revenue annually.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill includes railroad companies in the group of utilities against which assessments are made for the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund and increases the revenue received by the commission to \$250,000. Under existing law, railroad companies are not subject to the assessment, although they impose a substantial burden on the commission's resources, and the amount of revenue received by the commission is only \$150,000.