

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 838

H. P. 713

House of Representatives, February 12, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Berube of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Relieve Maine Landlords from Excessive Utility Charges.

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

14 MRSA § 6014 is enacted to read:

§ 6014. Utility charges for multi-unit dwellings

In order that the electric utility charges paid by a landlord are kept to a minimum, any public utility which provides electrical service to a multi-unit dwelling owned or operated by a landlord shall base its charges for electrical service upon the number of meters serving the dwelling and not on the number of residential units within the dwelling. The Public Utilities Commission, in approving a minimum customer charge in any electric utility rate proceeding, shall permit only a single minimum customer charge to be made per meter with respect to residential dwellings owned or operated by a landlord.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to relieve a landlord from excessive utility charges by providing that the landlord shall be required to pay only one minimum customer charge per meter.