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STATE OF MAINE
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6 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1865, L.D. 1859, Bill,
7 "AN ACT to Restrict Rate Increase Proposals by Public
8 Utilities."

9 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the
10 enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

11 '35 MRSA §64, as amended by PL 1981, c. 408, is further
12 amended by inserting after the first paragraph 2 new para-
13 graphs to read:

14 Without the approval of the commission, no utility may
15 file a schedule or schedules for a general increase in rates
16 pursuant to this section within one year of a prior filing
17 for a general increase in rates pursuant to this section.
18 This requirement shall not prevent any utility, at any time,
19 from notifying the commission in advance, either voluntarily
20 or in accordance with a commission requirement under this
21 section, of its plans to file a general increase in rates.
22 Nothing in this section may be construed to limit any
23 utility's right, at any time, to petition pursuant to
24 section 311 for temporary rate relief.

25 For the purposes of this section, a "general increase
26 in rates" is defined as any change in the rates, tolls and
27 charges of the public utility, the effect of which is to
28 increase the annual operating revenues of a public utility
29 by more than 1%, provided that this term shall not include a
30 rate change made for the sole purpose of implementing a fuel
31 cost adjustment rate, pursuant to section 131.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

33 The amendment prevents public utilities from filing for
34 more than one general rate increase within one year. Rate
35 increases of less than 1% of intrastate annual operating
36 revenues are exempt, as are requests for temporary rate

1 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1865, L.D. 1859

2 relief under Title 35, section 311.

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Reported by the Committee on Public Utilities.
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