

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 960

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7 H.P. 748

House of Representatives, March 2, 1983

8 Submitted by the Office of Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule  
9 24.

10 On Motion of Representative Vose of Eastport referred to the Com-  
mittee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative McGowan of Pittsfield.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Lewis of Auburn, Representative Ridley  
of Shapleigh and Senator Kany of Kennebec.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Amend the Act Restricting Rate  
18 Increase Proposals by Public Utilities.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 35 MRSA §64, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1981, c.  
23 681, is amended to read:

24 For the purposes of this section, a "general  
25 increase in rates" is defined as any change in the  
26 rates, tolls and charges of the public utility, the  
27 effect of which is to increase the annual operating  
28 revenues of a public utility by more than 1%, pro-  
29 vided that this term shall not include a rate change  
30 made for the sole purpose of implementing a fuel cost  
31 adjustment rate, pursuant to either section 131 or  
32 section 132.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill establishes that fuel cost adjustments  
3 for electric utilities under Title 35, section 131  
4 and for gas utilities under Title 35, section 132 are  
5 both excluded from the one-year prohibition on the  
6 rate filings. The failure to make an exception for  
7 fuel adjustment proceedings for gas utilities appears  
8 to be an oversight and this bill provides uniform  
9 treatment for both electric and gas utilities.

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