

# 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. 1282,  
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7 H.P. 981

House of Representatives, March 22, 1983

8 Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 24.  
9 Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence  
and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Ridley of Shapleigh.

Cosponsors: Representative Paradis of Old Town, Representative  
11 McGowan of Pittsfield and Senator Emerson of Penobscot.

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 Remove the Jurisdiction of the  
18 Public Utilities Commission over Certain  
19 Dealers of Gas in Liquid Form.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 35 MRSa §15, sub-§8 is amended to read:

24 8. Gas company. "Gas company" includes every  
25 corporation or person, their lessees, trustees,  
26 receivers or trustees appointed by any court whatso-  
27 ever, owning, controlling, operating or managing any  
28 gas plant for compensation within this State, except  
29 where gas is made or produced on and distributed by  
30 the maker or producer through private property alone  
31 solely for his own use or the use of his tenants and  
32 not for sale to others, or where the gas is sold in  
33 liquid form in individual containers or is delivered  
34 in bulk in liquid form to a central tank that serves  
35 less than 10 customers.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The bill removes the jurisdiction of the Public  
3 Utilities Commission over dealers who sell liquid gas  
4 in individual containers or who sell gas from a cen-  
5 tral tank to less than 10 customers. The existing  
6 definition of "gas company" is broad in scope and may  
7 be read to include all dealers of gas in any form.  
8 With the exception of one large central tank facil-  
9 ity, the commission has not exercised its jurisdic-  
10 tion over dealers of gas in individual containers or  
11 from central tanks. Economic regulation of such  
12 dealers is not necessary and effective safety regula-  
13 tion would require a substantial increase in the com-  
14 mission's budget.

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