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

No. 1909

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7 H.P. 1457

House of Representatives, January 10, 1984

8 Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant pursuant to Joint
Rule 24.

9 Reference to the Committee on Public Utilities is suggested and ordered
10 printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Baker of Portland.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Handy of Lewiston, Representative
McGowan of Pittsfield 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-FOUR
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17 AN ACT to Conform the Safety Jurisdiction
18 of the Public Utilities Commission over
19 Gas Utilities to Federal Requirements.
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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, as amended by PL 1983, c.
24 207, is further amended to read:

25 8. Gas company. "Gas company" includes every
26 corporation or person, their lessees, trustees, re-
27 ceivers or trustees appointed by any court whatsoev-
28 er, owning, controlling, operating or managing any
29 gas plant for compensation within this State, except
30 where gas is made or produced on and distributed by
31 the maker or producer through private property alone
32 solely for his own use or the use of his tenants and
33 not for sale to others, or where the gas is sold in
34 liquid form in individual containers or is delivered

1 in bulk in liquid form to a central tank that serves
2 less than 10 customers, ~~provided that a~~ and no por-
3 tion of which is located in a public place. A gas
4 company owning, controlling, operating or managing
5 such a central tank ~~servng more than 10 customers~~
6 system or a petroleum gas system that serves 10 or
7 more customers or any portion of which is located in
8 a public place shall be subject to the jurisdiction
9 of the commission solely with respect to safety.

10 STATEMENT OF FACT

11 Federal gas safety regulations, which are en-
12 forced by the Public Utilities Commission, cover pe-
13 troleum gas systems which serve 10 or more customers
14 or any portion of which is located in a public place.
15 The previous legislative session enacted Public Law
16 1983, chapter 207, which deregulated liquid gas util-
17 ities, but retained the commission's safety jurisdic-
18 tion only over liquid gas utilities serving more than
19 10 customers. The purpose of this bill is to make
20 the commission's safety jurisdiction consistent with
21 the federal regulations which the commission en-
22 forces.

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