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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. 1949

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7 H.P. 1486

House of Representatives, January 12, 1984

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Baker of Portland.

Cosponsors: Representative Mayo of Thomaston, Senator Baldacci of
Penobscot and Representative Matthews of Winslow.

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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 Establishing Penalties for
18 Violations of the Disconnection and
19 Deposit Regulations of the
20 Public Utilities Commission.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 35 MRSA §314, as amended by PL 1983, c. 233, §2
25 is further amended by adding at the end a new para-
26 graph to read:

27 If, after reasonable notice and an opportunity to
28 be heard, the commission finds that a public utility
29 has violated any substantive rule or regulation
30 promulgated by the commission pursuant to the author-
31 ity granted in this section, the commission may im-
32 pose a fine of not more than \$500 for each violation,
33 to be paid to the Treasurer of State for deposit in
34 the General Fund. In setting the amount of the fine,
35 the commission shall give consideration to the seri-

1 ousness of the violation, the utility's prior record
2 in adhering to the requirements of the regulations in
3 question and the financial resources of the violator.

4 STATEMENT OF FACT

5 This bill empowers the Public Utilities Commis-
6 sion to fine utilities for violating the deposit and
7 disconnection regulations promulgated by the commis-
8 sion. Under current law, such violations are punish-
9 able only by civil contempt, a cumbersome and
10 unwieldy process.

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