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1 (New Draft of H.P. 1486, L.D. 1949)

2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 2288

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8 H.P. 1735

House of Representatives, March 19, 1984

9 Reported by Representative Robinson from the Committee on Public
10 Utilities and printed under Joint Rule 2.

11 Original bill presented by Representative Baker of Portland. Cosponsored
by Representative Mayo of Thomaston, Senator Baldacci of Penobscot and
Representative Matthews of Winslow.

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13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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18 AN ACT Establishing Penalties for
19 Violations of the Disconnection and Deposit
20 Regulations of the Public Utilities Commission.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §10051, sub-§4 is enacted to
25 read:

26 4. Violations. The Administrative Court shall
27 have exclusive jurisdiction to hear complaints of the
28 Public Utilities Commission for violations of Title
29 35, section 314.

30 Sec. 2. 35 MRSA §314, as amended by PL 1983, c.
31 233, §2, is further amended by adding at the end a
32 new paragraph to read:

1 If the commission finds that a public utility has
2 willfully or recklessly violated any substantive rule
3 promulgated by the commission pursuant to the author-
4 ity granted in this section, the commission may bring
5 a complaint against the public utility before the Ad-
6 ministrative Court as provided in Title 5, section
7 10051, subsection 4, except that the jurisdiction in
8 the Administrative Court shall not include the issu-
9 ance, renewal, denial or revocation of a license of a
10 public utility. The Administrative Court may impose
11 finest in accordance with Title 4, section 1156.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

13 This new draft provides that the Public Utilities
14 Commission may bring a complaint before the Adminis-
15 trative Court for willful or reckless violation of
16 any substantive rule of the commission. That court
17 may impose fines. It may not issue, renew, deny or
18 revoke a license of the utility.

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