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

No. 846

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7 H.P. 575

House of Representatives, February 28, 1985

8 On Motion of Representative Nelson of Portland, referred to the
9 Committee on Human Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered
printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Brown of Livermore Falls.
Cosponsored by Representative Willey of Hampden.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Provide that Electric Service is
18 not a Basic Necessity Under the
19 General Assistance Laws After the
20 Winter Period.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 22 MRSA §4301, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983, c.
25 577, §1, is amended to read:

26 1. Basic necessities. "Basic necessities" means
27 food, clothing, shelter, fuel, electricity during the
28 winter months as determined by the Public Utilities
29 Commission, nonelective medical services as recom-
30 mended by a physician, telephone where it is neces-
31 sary for medical reasons and any other commodity or
32 service determined essential by the overseer in ac-
33 cordance with the municipality's ordinance and this
34 chapter.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill is to amend the defini-
3 tion of basic necessities under the municipal general
4 assistance law to provide that electricity will only
5 be considered a basic necessity during the winter
6 months.

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