

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 716

H.P. 532 House of Representatives, March 11, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and  
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative TARDY of Palmyra.  
Cosponsored by Senator ERWIN of Oxford, Representatives  
NUTTING of Leeds and WEYMOUTH of West Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Establish an Agricultural  
Electrical Rate.

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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 35 MRSA §97 is enacted to read:

7 §97. Agricultural electrical rate

8 1. Agricultural electrical rate established.  
9 The Public Utilities Commission shall establish an  
10 agricultural electrical rate, which shall be the same  
11 rate which is set for business enterprises, excluding  
12 any charge for demand peak usage or time-of-day us-  
13 age. This agricultural rate shall be available only  
14 to a farm, as defined in this section.

1 . 2. Farm defined. "Farm" means any agricultural  
2 concern which has a yearly gross income of at least  
3 \$1,000.

4 STATEMENT OF FACT

5 Because farmers generally cannot change their  
6 electrical usage to allow for lower rates during  
7 "off-peak" usage and because farmers need high usage  
8 for very short periods of time, an agricultural elec-  
9 trical rate is established.

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