

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1503

H.P. 1109 House of Representatives, May 11, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative HEPBURN of Skowhegan.
Cosponsored by Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec,
Representatives HOLT of Bath and STANLEY of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide Fair Pricing in Moving
Telephone Lines.

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

6 35 MRSa §2487, 4th ¶ is amended to read:

7 Unless the utility and the person or corporation
8 desiring to cut, disconnect, move or remove any wires
9 or poles owned or used under contract by such the
10 utility for--transmitting--train-orders-or-operating
11 block-signals, first agree upon the terms thereof, no
12 such wire or wires, or pole or poles, ~~shall~~ may be
13 cut, disconnected or removed, until after a permit
14 therefor has been granted by the Public Utilities
15 Commission, upon application therefor for cutting,
16 disconnection, moving or removal to said the commis-

1 sion and actual notice to the utility owning or using
2 such wire or poles, and hearing thereon on the
3 application. At such the hearing, said the commission
4 may grant such the permit on such terms and condi-
5 tions and make such apportionment of the expense
6 arising thereunder under the permit as it deems best.
7 When the application is for a permit to temporarily
8 relocate or move any wire or pole in order to move a
9 building, the commission may not approve a fee or
10 charge for that relocation or move which is exces-
11 sive. Whoever disconnects or removes such wires or
12 poles or moves any building on or over a public way
13 without first obtaining such permit, or violates any
14 of the conditions of said the permit, shall be pun-
15 ished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprison-
16 ment for not more than 3 years.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

18 This bill provides that whenever a line or pole
19 of a utility must be moved or temporarily relocated
20 in order to move a building, the Public Utilities
21 Commission may not allow excessive fees or charges
22 for that relocation or removal.

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