

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(New Draft of H.P. 64, L.D. 67)
(New Title)
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1672

H.P. 1225 House of Representatives, May 26, 1987
Reported by Representative ALLEN from the Committee on
Utilities and printed under Joint Rule 2.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Original bill sponsored by Representative BAKER of
Portland. Cosponsored by Representative HOLT of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Modify the Electric Fuel Clause.

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

Sec. 1. 35 MRSA §131, sub-§5, as enacted by PL
1977, c. 689, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. Report. The Public Utilities Commission
shall report before January 1, 1988, to the Joint
Standing Committee on Utilities on progress made in
negotiating revised accounting methods with the major
electric utilities to achieve the goals of minimizing
fuel costs and moving electric use to off-peak hours.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The new draft, like the original bill, repeals
3 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35, section 131,
4 subsection 5, which required a single uniform fuel
5 clause for all customers. Repeal will allow the Pub-
6 lic Utilities Commission to assign different fuel
7 rates to different customer classes based on their
8 actual fuel costs. The new draft differs from the
9 original bill in that it leaves the rest of the fuel
10 clause in the law.

11 The new draft also requires the Public Utilities
12 Commission to report on progress in using revised ac-
13 counting methods to remove possible disincentives to
14 conservation, especially during peak hours that may
15 arise from the operation of the present fuel clause.

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