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L.D. 1967

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
113TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1456, L.D. 1967,
Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify the Status of Meetings and
Records of the Public Utilities Commission Under the
Freedom of Access Law."

Amend the bill in section 1, by inserting at the
end a new paragraph to read:

'For purposes of this section, the adoption of
policy is deemed to include, but is not limited to, a
decision to adopt or modify a rule pursuant to Title
5, chapter 375, subchapter II; a decision making an
advisory ruling pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375,
subchapter III; or a final decision at the conclusion
of an adjudicatory proceeding pursuant to Title 5,
chapter 375, subchapter IV.'

Further amend the bill in section 2, subsection 5,
paragraph A, in subparagraph (1), in the last line
(page 2, line 25 in L.D.) by inserting after the
underlined word and punctuation "division;" the
underlined word 'and'

Further amend the bill in section 2, subsection 5,
paragraph A, subparagraph (2), in the last line (page
2, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined
punctuation and word "; and" and inserting in its
place the following: '.'

Further amend the bill in section 2, subsection 5,

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1 paragraph A, by striking out all of subparagraph (3)
2 (page 2, lines 30 to 32 in L.D.).

3 Further amend the bill in section 2, subsection 5,
4 paragraph B, in the last line (page 3, line 2 in L.D.)
5 by inserting after the underlined word "information"
6 the underlined words 'which is pertinent to the
7 complaint'

8 Further amend the bill in section 2, by inserting
9 at the end the following:

10 'D. The Consumer Assistance Division shall
11 prepare its decisions or abstracts of decisions in
12 a manner which protects the confidentiality of
13 customer information as provided by this
14 subsection. Those decisions or abstracts of
15 decisions shall be available for public access.'

16 STATEMENT OF FACT

17 This amendment provides that decisions of the
18 Public Utilities Commission, Consumer Assistance
19 Division which are publicly accessible shall be
20 prepared in a way that does not disclose confidential
21 customer information. It also changes the requirement
22 of disclosure of customer information to the utility
23 or agency involved to narrow the range of information
24 that must be provided to that which is pertinent to
25 the complaint.

Reported by the Committee on Utilities
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