

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 6, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative GURNEY of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative HICKEY of Augusta and Senator BOST of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Reduce the Cost of Temporary Utility Terminations.



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

3 Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3173 is enacted to read:

5 §3173. Charges for a temporary disconnection

7 Electric utilities may not charge a fee of more than \$10 to
9 reconnect the electric service of a consumer who is age 65 years
11 or older and whose electric service has been disconnected for a
13 period of less than 12 months.

11 Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §7304 is enacted to read:

13 §7304. Charges for a temporary disconnection

15 A telephone company may not charge a fee of more than \$10 to
17 reconnect the phone service of a consumer who is age 65 years or
19 older and whose telephone service has been disconnected for a
21 period of less than 12 months.

23 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

25 The bill prohibits electric and telephone utilities from charging consumers who are age 65 years or older more than \$10 for temporarily disconnecting their phone or electricity.