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Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative RICHARD of Madison.

Cosponsored by Representative HANDY of Lewiston, Representative STROUT of Windham and Senator CARPENTER of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Provide a Penalty on Delinquent Public Utilities.



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

3 **35-A MRSA §1510** is enacted to read:

5 **§1510. Penalty for failure to file**

7 **1. Penalty.** Any public utility which fails to file a
9 report with the commission as required by this Title or fails to
11 file for and secure approval or authorization of the commission
13 before taking action as required by this Title shall pay to the
15 commission the sum of \$100 for each 30-day period, or portion of
that period, that the public utility is delinquent . The penalty
shall be paid at the time the utility files its report or files
for approval or authorization. In no case may the penalty under
this section exceed \$1,000.

17 **2. Excuse.** The commission may excuse a utility from all or
19 part of the penalty if it finds that the failure to file was the
result of excusable neglect.

21 **3. Disposition of penalties.** Penalties collected by the
23 commission under this section shall be deposited in the Public
Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund under section 117.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

29 This bill imposes a modest penalty on public utilities which
31 fail to file reports or fail to file for approval of the Public
33 Utilities Commission of certain action as required by law. The
35 penalty provides additional incentive for the timely filing of
reports and petitions to reduce the number of delinquent filings
and the resulting administrative burden on the Public Utilities
Commission. The Public Utilities Commission may excuse all or
part of the penalty upon finding excusable neglect.