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House of Representatives, February 16, 1990

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ALLEN of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative HOGLUND of Portland, Representative JACQUES of Waterville and Senator WHITMORE of Androscoggin.

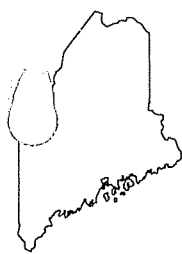
STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act Concerning Security Deposits on Propane Gas Deliveries.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)



Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the costs associated with heating a home in this State through the winter months are extraordinarily high; and

Whereas, these costs create a tremendous financial hardship for the people of this State, particularly senior citizens and people on fixed incomes; and

Whereas, the additional financial burden presented by liquid propane dealers who collect security deposits from residential customers without returning interest on those deposits cannot be borne by the people of this State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

32 MRSA c. 24-A is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 24-A

LIQUID PROPANE DEALERS

§1695. Interest on security deposits

Sellers of liquid propane for residential use may collect security deposits from residential customers only if the sellers return to the customers the deposit plus accrued interest at the market rate.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires liquid propane dealers who collect security deposits from residential customers to return the deposits with accrued interest at the market rate.