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No. 357

S.P. 119

In Senate, February 9, 1993

**An Act to Exempt Employees of the Public Utilities Commission from
Furlough and Shutdown Days.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin.

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

Whereas, the Public Utilities Commission is funded exclusively by dedicated revenues and receives no funds from the General Fund; and

Whereas, the overall effectiveness of the Public Utilities Commission has been significantly hampered by the current requirement that employees of the commission must take furlough and shutdown days; and

Whereas, the intent of having furlough and shutdown days was largely to reduce costs of agencies funded by the General Fund and the Highway Fund; 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:

Sec. 1. Furlough days for employees of the Public Utilities Commission. Subject to the approval of the parties signatory to any applicable collective bargaining agreement, positions allocated to the Public Utilities Commission may not be subject to discretionary furlough days and shutdown days.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill exempts, subject to agreement through the collective bargaining process, employees of the Public Utilities Commission from being required to take furlough and shutdown days.