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No. 315

H.P. 235

House of Representatives, January 31, 1995

An Act to Allow Disclosure of Residential Natural Gas Costs.

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ADAMS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin and
Representatives: CLOUTIER of South Portland, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, GIERINGER of
Portland, HARTNETT of Freeport, HEESCHEN of Wilton, JOHNSON of South Portland,
JOYCE of Biddeford, KONTOS of Windham, LaFOUNTAIN of Biddeford, LEMAIRE of
Lewiston, MITCHELL of Portland, O'NEAL of Limestone, POULIN of Oakland, RICKER of
Lewiston, SAXL of Bangor, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, STEVENS of Orono, TAYLOR of
Cumberland, TOWNSEND of Portland, TRUMAN of Biddeford, WINGLASS of Auburn,
Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, ESTY of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York, RAND
of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6046** is enacted to read:

6 **§6046. Disclosure of natural gas pipeline utility costs**

8 Upon request, a natural gas pipeline utility, as defined in
10 Title 35-A, section 102, shall provide free of charge to current
12 or prospective customers, tenants or property owners residential
14 natural gas energy consumption and cost information for a
16 dwelling unit for the prior 12-month period or figures reflecting
18 the highest and lowest natural gas energy consumption and cost
20 for the previous 12 months. If a unit has been occupied for a
22 period of less than 12 months, the natural gas pipeline utility
24 shall estimate the unit's annual consumption and cost. Provision
of this information is neither a breach of customer
confidentiality nor a guarantee or contract by the utility as to
future consumption levels for that unit. For purposes of this
section, "dwelling unit" includes mobile homes, apartments,
buildings or other structures used for human habitation.

22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

24 This bill requires utilities to disclose to tenants and
26 other customers or prospective customers residential natural gas
cost and consumption information for the preceding 12 months.