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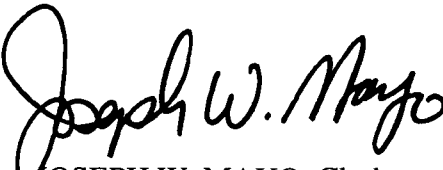
No. 345

H.P. 243

House of Representatives, January 31, 1995

An Act to Prohibit Regulatory Discrimination among Utilities.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MORRISON of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, CLARK of Millinocket, HEESCHEN of Wilton, TAYLOR of Cumberland, Senators: CARPENTER of York, CLEVELAND of Androscoggin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §702, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

6 **4. Discrimination among utilities.** Except as expressly
8 provided in this Title, the commission may not give any undue or
10 unreasonable preference, advantage, prejudice or disadvantage to
12 a particular utility or class of utilities, compared with another
14 utility or class of utilities providing the same type of
16 service. The commission shall bring its rules and practices into
18 compliance with this subsection by January 1, 1996.

14 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

16 This bill prohibits the different treatment by the Public
18 Utilities Commission of utilities providing the same service,
20 which includes requiring certain utilities, but not others
22 providing the same type of service, to provide higher interest
rates on customer deposits or to provide subsidies to low-income
customers.