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20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 565, L.D. 766, Bill, "An
Act to Allow the Submetering of Electric Rates in Campgrounds"

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title
and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the
following:

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Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §313 is enacted to read:

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§313. Submetering permitted in campgrounds

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A campground owner or operator may submeter electric service
to campground sites within the campground in accordance with this
section, as long as electric service is not provided to any
particular submeter user for a period greater than 6 consecutive
months.

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1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the
context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the
following meanings.

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A. "Campground" means a recreational camping park where
fees are charged for the recreational use of the park and
that can accommodate 10 or more temporary living quarters,
including but not limited to tents, recreational vehicles,
trailers, vans, pickup campers and motor homes.

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2 B. "Submeter user" means any person using a campground site
on which a campground owner or operator has installed a
4 submeter.

6 2. Charges. A campground owner or operator may charge a
submeter user only for kilowatt hours used by that submeter
8 user. The charge that a campground owner or operator may charge
10 a submeter user for electric service may not exceed the kilowatt
usage of the submeter user multiplied by the rate per kilowatt
12 hour that the campground owner or operator is charged by the
electric utility.

14 3. Nontaxable event. The collection of charges under this
section for submetered electric service is not a sale for the
16 purposes of taxation.

18 4. Interpretation; not resale. A submeter user is not a
customer of the electric utility providing service to the
20 master-metered campground owner or operator. For purposes of
this Title, a submeter user is not a customer of the campground
22 owner or operator. Nothing in this section permits the resale of
electricity by a campground owner or operator.'

24 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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28 This amendment preserves the intent of the original bill but
30 clarifies certain provisions. Under this amendment, a campground
32 owner or operator may submeter electric service to sites in the
34 campground provided that no submeter user is provided service on
36 a long-term basis of more than 6 months. The campground owner or
operator may not charge more for electric service than the
campground is charged by the utility. This amendment also
clarifies that submetering at campgrounds does not constitute
resale of electricity.

38 This amendment removes the provision of the bill that would
40 have required the Public Utilities Commission to oversee disputes
arising from use of submeters.