

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 648

House of Representatives, March 21, 1995

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**An Act Concerning the Calculation of Private Fire Protection Charges.**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ADAMS of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAXL of Bangor, STONE of Bangor, Senators:  
ABROMSON of Cumberland, CLEVELAND of Androscoggin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §6114** is enacted to read:

6 **§6114. Private fire protection charges**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, a rate  
10 filed by a water utility for private fire protection service may  
12 not be found to be unjust or unreasonable on the ground that the  
14 rate filed by the utility seeks to recover a portion of the total  
16 cost of the water utility's backup facilities, including all  
18 costs associated with the utility's transmission and distribution  
20 mains, storage facilities, pumps and other facilities. Any  
22 provision of any rule adopted by the commission that is  
24 inconsistent with this section is void and of no effect.

20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22 This bill allows water utilities to establish rates for  
24 private fire protection that include recovery for a portion of  
the costs of the utilities' backup facilities, including mains,  
storage facilities and pumps.