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H.P. 175 House of Representatives, January 16, 1997

An Act to Require the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to Consider Community Benefits when Approving Utility Line Permits.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GAGNON of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and
Representatives: KONTOS of Windham, TESSIER of Fairfield, TOWNSEND of Portland, VIGUE of Winslow, WRIGHT of Berwick.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §685-B, sub-§4, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. In the case of an application to place or extend a utility line, in addition to the other criteria for approval set forth in this section, that there will be a demonstrated benefit to the community or area proposed to receive the utility service and that the proposed extension of utility service will be consistent with the commission's plan for residential growth or other development for the community or area.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission's criteria for approval of utility line permits. The bill requires the commission, when approving utility line permits, to find that there is a demonstrated benefit to the community or area and that extension of utility service is consistent with the commission's plan for residential growth or other development for the area.