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H.P. 516

House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

An Act to Require a Percentage of Natural Gas Flowing through the State to Be Reserved for Maine Users.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DRISCOLL of Calais,

Senator: CASSIDY of Washington.

Be it	enacted	by	the	People	of	the	State	of	Maine	as	follows:
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2 Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §4503-A is enacted to read:

§4503-A. Maine access to natural gas flow

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After January 1, 1998, no interstate natural gas pipeline may be constructed or operated in this State unless at least 5% of the annual amount of natural gas flowing through the pipeline is offered for sale for resale to Maine consumers. The commission may adopt rules governing how the requirements of this section must be met. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

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SUMMARY

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This bill prohibits an interstate natural gas pipeline from being constructed or operated in this State after January 1, 1998 unless at least 5% of the annual amount of natural gas flowing through the pipeline is offered for sale for resale to Maine consumers.