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## UTILITIES AND ENERGY

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### STATE OF MAINE SENATE 119TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 239, L.D. 661, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Unbundling of Natural Gas Services"

Amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~S4708.~~" in subsection 2 in the 4th line from the end (page 1, line 49 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "any" the following: 'residential' and in the 3rd line from the end (page 1, line 50 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "shall provide" the following: 'through the issuance of protective orders pursuant to section 1311'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~S4709.~~" in subsection 1 in paragraph C in the last line (page 2, line 26 in L.D.) by inserting at the end the following: 'and'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~S4709.~~" in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph D.

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~S4709.~~" in subsection 1 by relettering the paragraphs to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

### FISCAL NOTE

The Public Utilities Commission will incur some minor additional costs to develop a process to register gas marketers and to adopt rules. These costs can be absorbed within the commission's existing budgeted resources.

2           This bill may increase the number of civil violations filed  
4 in the court system. The additional workload and administrative  
6 costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed can  
be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial  
Department. The collection of additional fines may also increase  
General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

## SUMMARY

12           This amendment:

14           1. Modifies the description of the type of information gas  
16 marketers must provide on request to the Public Utilities  
Commission to include copies of residential contracts for retail  
18 natural gas supply; the language does not limit the commission's  
authority, however, to require other information from gas  
marketers;

20           2. Makes a clarification in the provision of the bill  
22 concerning confidentiality;

24           3. Deletes the requirement that the commission consider the  
26 need for establishing by rule a process for determining default  
providers of natural gas service; and

28           4. Adds a fiscal note to the bill.