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House of Representatives, January 10, 2000

**An Act to Expand the Opportunities for State Companies to Provide
Distributed Electric Generation Services.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 COLWELL of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland and
Representative ROSEN of Bucksport, Senator: MITCHELL of Penobscot.

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

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Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3204, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1997, c.
4 316, §3, is amended to read:

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6. **Generation assets permitted.** On or after March 1, 2000,
notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter, the
8 commission may allow an investor-owned transmission and
distribution utility to own, have a financial interest in or
10 otherwise control generation and generation-related assets to the
extent that the commission finds that ownership, interest or
12 control is necessary for the utility to perform its obligations
as a transmission and distribution utility in an efficient
14 manner. An affiliate of an investor-owned transmission and
distribution utility may own, have a financial interest in or
16 otherwise control a generation asset located on the premises of a
customer if such a facility is for the sole use of the customer
18 or the customer's tenants or for the use of or for the production
of electricity for sale to the customer's associates and not for
20 retail sales of electricity.

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SUMMARY

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This bill allows affiliates of the state transmission and
26 distribution utilities to assist customers in the self-generation
of electric energy by permitting such utilities to take an
28 ownership interest in generation facilities on the premises of a
customer if such facilities are for the sole use of the customers
30 or their tenants or associates and not for retail sales of
electricity.