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No. 304

S.P. 84

In Senate, January 30, 2001

**An Act Regarding the Franchises of Transmission and Distribution
Electric Companies.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §2102, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1999, c.
4 398, Pt. A, §30 and affected by §§104 and 105, is further amended
5 to read:

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7 **2. Approval not required.** Except as provided in section
8 2104, the commission's approval is not required for a public
9 utility to furnish service in any municipality in which that
10 public utility is furnishing service on October 8, 1967.
11 Approval is not required for the operation of a radio paging
12 service or mobile telecommunications services. Approval is not
13 required for a transmission and distribution utility to
14 distribute electricity to any other transmission and distribution
15 utility. Approval is not required if the transmission and
16 distribution utility furnishing service or authorized to furnish
17 service to another transmission and distribution utility and the
18 transmission and distribution utility furnishing service or
19 authorized to furnish services is not subject to regulatory
20 limits on its rate of return.

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SUMMARY

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25 This bill clarifies that if a transmission and distribution
26 utility furnishes service to another transmission and
27 distribution utility and if it is not subject to regulatory
28 limits on its rate of return, it does not require approval from
the Public Utilities Commission to furnish service.