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**An Act to Authorize the Maine State Housing Authority to Administer
an Electric Assistance Program.**

(EMERGENCY)

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and
ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton.

2 D. "Eligible household" means a household that is eligible
4 to receive fuel assistance through the Maine State Housing
6 Authority pursuant to section 4722, subsection 1, paragraph
8 W; section 4741, subsection 15; and subchapter XIII and
10 rules adopted pursuant to these laws. "Eligible household"
12 does not include a tenant who resides in subsidized housing
14 and receives a utility allowance or a tenant whose utilities
16 are included in the rent.

18 E. "Commission" means the Public Utilities Commission
20 established pursuant to Title 35-A, section 103.

22 F. "Fund" means the Electric Assistance Program Fund
24 established in section 4962.

26 G. "Program" means the electric assistance program
28 established by the commission pursuant to Title 35-A,
30 section 3214.

32 2. Program administration. The authority shall administer
34 the program directly or through regional contract agents. The
36 program may be administered in conjunction with other programs of
38 the authority.

40 3. Reporting requirements. The authority shall report
42 annually to the commission information to determine the amount of
44 funding necessary for the program, including the amount of
46 electric assistance paid on behalf of each eligible household,
48 the total amount of electric assistance paid on behalf of
50 eligible households, the number of eligible households served and
52 other reasonably necessary information required by the commission
54 in connection with the program.

56 4. Rulemaking. The authority may adopt rules to implement
58 this subchapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this subchapter are
60 routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375,
62 subchapter II-A.

64 **§4962. Electric Assistance Program Fund**

66 1. Established. The fund is established under the
68 jurisdiction of the authority.

70 2. Sources of the fund. The funds consists of:

72 A. All funds collected by an electric utility at a rate set
74 by the commission pursuant to Title 35-A, section 3214;

