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House of Representatives, January 21, 2003

**An Act to Ensure That all State Residential and Commercial
Customers are Able to Purchase Electricity Through the
Competitive Market**

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§9-A** is enacted to read:

6 **9-A. Consumer credit.** The commission may not establish by
8 rule any requirement for competitive electricity providers
10 relating to consumer credit that discriminates between
12 competitive electricity providers and standard-offer providers
14 chosen pursuant to section 3212.

16 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§14,** as enacted by PL 1997, c.
18 316, §3, is amended to read:

20 **14. Disconnection restricted.** A transmission and
22 distribution utility may not disconnect service to a consumer due
24 to nonpayment of generation charges or any other dispute with a
26 competitive electricity provider, except that the commission may
28 permit disconnection of electric service to consumers of
30 electricity based on nonpayment of charges for standard-offer
32 service provided under section 3212. When a single bill is
34 provided to a consumer for delivery and generation services, all
36 payments made by the consumer to a transmission and distribution
38 utility are deemed to be paid in proportion to the amounts owed
40 on the bill for delivery and generation services unless a
42 consumer otherwise specifies in written instructions to a
44 transmission and distribution utility, and the transmission and
46 distribution utility shall allocate all payments accordingly.

30 SUMMARY

32 This bill:

34 1. Prohibits the Public Utilities Commission from
36 establishing by rule any requirement for competitive electricity
38 providers relating to consumer credit that discriminates between
40 competitive electricity providers and standard-offer providers;
42 and

44 2. Specifies that when a single bill is provided to the
46 consumer for delivery and generation services, all payments made
48 by the consumer to a transmission and distribution utility are
deemed to be paid in proportion to the amounts owed on the bill
for delivery and generation services unless the consumer
otherwise specifies in written instructions to a transmission and
distribution utility, and the transmission and distribution
utility shall allocate all payments accordingly.