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In Senate, January 21, 2003

An Act to Amend the Membership of the Propane and Natural Gas Board

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan and
Senators: HATCH of Somerset, STANLEY of Penobscot, Representatives: DUNLAP of Old
Town, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, PATRICK of Rumford, PINEAU of Jay, SMITH of Van
Buren.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §14803, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 389,
§4, is amended to read:

6 **1. Membership; appointment.** The board consists of 8 9
members who serve for 3-year terms, except that of the initial
8 appointees 3 of the members serve a 3-year term, 2 of the members
serve a 2-year term and 2 of the members serve a one-year term.
10 With the exception of the member representing fire chiefs, the
member representing a labor organization and the public member,
12 all members must have at least 10 consecutive years of active
experience in the propane or the natural gas industry immediately
14 preceding appointment. Industry members must hold a valid
license at the time of appointment, except that the initial
16 industry member appointees must be licensed on or before July 1,
1997. The Governor shall appoint all industry and public
18 members. The propane and natural gas industries in this State
may make recommendations to the Governor concerning these
20 appointments. Membership is as follows:

22 A. Five members representing industry, 3 of whom represent
the propane industry, one of whom is a mechanical contractor
24 and one of whom represents the natural gas industry;

26 B. One member representing Maine fire chiefs, who may be
recommended to the Governor by the Maine Fire Chiefs
28 Association;

30 C. One member representing the general public who is
unrelated not related, either directly or indirectly, to
32 either the natural gas industry or the propane industry; and

34 C-1. One member representing a labor organization in the
building and construction industry; and

36 D. One nonvoting member appointed by the Commissioner of
38 Public Safety.

40 Appointments of members must comply with Title-32, section 60.
Members may be removed from office by the Governor for cause.

44 **SUMMARY**

46 This bill adds to the Propane and Natural Gas Board a board
member who is a member of a labor organization in the building
48 and construction industry.