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House of Representatives, January 28, 2003

An Act To Define Standard-offer Service as a Service of Last Resort

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative BERRY of Belmont.
Cosponsored by Representative: GOODWIN of Pembroke.

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

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Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3212, first ¶, as amended by PL 1997, c. 638, §1, is further amended to read:

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Except as provided in subsection 6, when retail access begins, the commission shall ensure that standard-offer service is available to all consumers of electricity. The commission shall establish one form of standard-offer service for all customers of all transmission and distribution utilities, and this form must serve as a last-resort option for customers that are unable or elect not to purchase electricity from competitive electricity providers.

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SUMMARY

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This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a single standard-offer service that provides transmission and distribution of electricity and serves as a service of last resort for those customers that are unable or elect not to purchase their electricity from a competitive electricity provider.