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House of Representatives, January 18, 2005

An Act To Require Electric Utilities To Permit Customers To Pay Electric Utility Bills in Their Communities

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BLISS of South Portland, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook,
HUTTON of Bowdoinham, JACKSON of Fort Kent, PARADIS of Frenchville, SMITH of
Van Buren, TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§15**, as enacted by PL 1997, c.
316, §3, is amended to read:

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8 **15. Standard billing; bill payment option.** The commission
shall consider requiring standard billing information on bills
10 for electric power service. If standard billing information is
12 required, the commission shall investigate the possibility of
adopting standards consistent with those of other New England
14 states. The commission may not prohibit transmission and
distribution utilities from contracting with generation service
16 providers to include both entities' charges on a single bill.
The commission may not preclude the inclusion of other
18 information on bills for electric power service. The commission
shall ensure that residential customers have the option of paying
their bills for electric power service at local, easily
accessible and convenient locations such as shopping centers.

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SUMMARY

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24 This bill directs the Public Utilities Commission to ensure
that residential customers have the option of paying their
26 electric bills at local, easily accessible and convenient
locations such as shopping centers.