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An Act To Enhance the Reliability and Competitiveness of Maine's Electricity Market

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou.
Cosponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo and
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, BROWNE of Vassalboro, HARLOW of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3204, sub-§6,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 316, §3, is
3 amended to read:

4 **6. Generation assets required.** ~~On or after March 1, 2000, notwithstanding~~
5 Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter, the commission may ~~allow~~ order an
6 investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to own, have a financial interest in or
7 otherwise control generation and generation-related assets to the extent that the
8 commission finds that ~~ownership, interest or control is necessary for the utility to perform~~
9 ~~its obligations as a transmission and distribution utility in an efficient manner~~ such
10 ownership or control is necessary for the utility to perform its obligations as a
11 transmission and distribution utility to provide reliable and efficient service, including the
12 creation or enhancement of the competitive market for electricity.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill allows the Public Utilities Commission to order investor-owned
15 transmission and distribution utilities to own or control generation assets if the
16 commission determines that ownership or control is necessary to provide reliable and
17 efficient service.