

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

M
2/18

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33

Date: 3/17/08

L.D. 2050
(Filing No. H-767)

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1434, L.D. 2050, Bill, "An Act To Protect Maine Consumers of Electricity"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocate To Advocate for the Adoption and Implementation of Demand-side Management Programs'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, demand-side management programs save money for Maine energy consumers by reducing the need for new generation plants and minimizing the use of existing generation plants and protect the environment by avoiding the burning of fossil fuels and the creation of carbon dioxide emissions; and

Whereas, the Independent System Operator New England regional transmission organization, of which 2 of Maine's transmission and distribution utilities are members, has established demand-side management programs that compensate participants for reductions in energy and capacity demand on the transmission and distribution system; and

Whereas, in response to the ISO New England demand-side management programs and encouragement from ISO New England to participate in these programs, many of Maine's largest consumers of electricity invested in special equipment and training and revised their business protocols in order to utilize the programs; and

Whereas, ISO New England has recently adopted changes to its demand-side management programs that compromise the value of the significant investments that have

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 been made by large consumers of electricity in Maine in order to utilize those programs;
2 and

3 **Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
4 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
5 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
6 therefore,

7 **Sec. 1. Demand-side management programs. Resolved:** That the Public
8 Utilities Commission and the Public Advocate shall, as appropriate, use the powers and
9 authorities granted to them under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, including the
10 right to participate in proceedings and activities of federal agencies and regional bodies
11 affecting consumers of electricity in this State, to advocate for and facilitate and support
12 the development, adoption and implementation of demand-side management programs
13 that may include provisions that compensate participants for reductions in energy and
14 capacity demand on the transmission and distribution system or the increased output of
15 on-site generation.

16 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
17 legislation takes effect when approved.'

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment directs the Public
20 Utilities Commission and the Public Advocate to participate in regional and federal
21 activities to advocate for and facilitate and support the development, adoption and
22 implementation of demand-side management programs.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2050

LR 3352(02)

An Act To Protect Maine Consumers of Electricity

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs associated with this legislation can be absorbed by the Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocate utilizing existing budgeted resources.