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House of Representatives, December 23, 2009

**An Act To Streamline Collections for Consumer-owned
Consolidated Water and Wastewater Utilities**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 21, 2009. Referred to the Committee on Utilities and Energy pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield.
Cosponsored by Representative: THIBODEAU of Winterport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §6111-C** is enacted to read:

3 **§6111-C. Disconnection of water service for nonpayment of sewer services**

4 This section applies to any consumer-owned water utility that is authorized to provide
5 sewer services. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the event a user of the
6 consumer-owned water utility's sewer system fails within a reasonable time to pay the
7 utility's rates, fees or charges for sewer service, the utility may disconnect water service
8 to the user, as long as the disconnection is accomplished in accordance with procedures
9 established in applicable law or rules governing disconnection of utility services and
10 terms and conditions approved by the commission.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill allows a consumer-owned water utility that also provides sewer services to
13 disconnect water service to a user for nonpayment by that user of the utility's sewer
14 service charges.