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S.P. 626

In Senate, December 21, 2009

An Act To Create a Position at the Public Utilities Commission

(EMERGENCY)

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HOBBS of York.

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

3 Whereas, the Public Utilities Commission partners with the United States
4 Department of Transportation with respect to the federal gas pipeline safety program; and

5 Whereas, the Public Utilities Commission has assumed certain gas pipeline safety
6 inspection and enforcement responsibilities from the United States Department of
7 Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and is partially
8 reimbursed by the United States Department of Transportation for the costs associated
9 with carrying out these responsibilities; and

10 Whereas, the Public Utilities Commission has contracted for these certain gas
11 pipeline safety inspection and enforcement responsibilities; and

12 Whereas, it is the policy of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety
13 Administration to contract for this work only on a temporary basis until permanent
14 inspection staff can be obtained; and

15 Whereas, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration expects the
16 Public Utilities Commission to have a permanent inspector position created by the end of
17 the current contract period, which is July 2010; and

18 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
19 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
20 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
21 therefore,

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

23 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
24 allocations are made.

25 **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

26 **Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund 0184**

27 Initiative: Establishes one Utility Analyst - Public Service Coordinator III position. This
28 position will carry out certain activities related to gas pipeline safety inspection and
29 enforcement.

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31 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2009-10	2010-11
32 Positions - Legislative Count	0.000	1.000
33 Personal Services	\$0	\$114,166
34 All Other	\$0	(\$37,865)
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36 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$76,301

