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House of Representatives, March 8, 2011

An Act Regarding Gas Utilities under the Safety Jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRS §4702**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1999, c. 718, §15, is
3 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4 **§4702. Safety jurisdiction only over certain gas utilities**

5 **1. Jurisdiction.** A gas utility owning, controlling, operating or managing a central
6 tank system or a petroleum gas system is subject to the jurisdiction of the commission
7 solely with respect to safety if that system serves:

8 A. Ten or more customers;

9 B. More than one customer and any portion of the central tank system or petroleum
10 gas system is located in a public place; or

11 C. One customer and a portion of the central tank system or petroleum gas system is
12 located off the customer's premises in a public place.

13 For the purposes of this subsection, "customer" means a residential, commercial or
14 industrial consumer of gas that receives an invoice or bill from a gas utility.

15 **2. Corrosion.** In the regulation of safety under this section, the commission shall
16 define "corrosion" as a condition exhibiting signs of deterioration including pitting or loss
17 of metal. "Corrosion" may not be defined to include surface rust or loss of paint coating.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill defines "customer" and clarifies what constitutes "corrosion" for purposes of
20 Public Utility Commission safety jurisdiction over certain gas utilities.