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House of Representatives, March 17, 2011

An Act To Change the Regulation of Liquefied Petroleum Gas Distribution Facilities

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2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §4702**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1999, c. 718, §15, is
3 amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

4 The commission may not adopt or enforce rules to implement this chapter with regard
5 to propane marketers that are more stringent than the requirements of federal law and
6 regulations until such time as the commission, in conjunction with the Maine Fuel Board
7 established under Title 32, section 18121, proposes new rules for propane marketers.
8 Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5,
9 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. Provisionally adopted rules must be submitted to the
10 Legislature under Title 5, section 8072 by January 7, 2012.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to adopt major substantive rules
13 regarding safety jurisdiction over certain gas utilities in conjunction with the Maine Fuel
14 Board. Until those rules are adopted, the commission may not adopt or enforce rules that
15 are more stringent than the requirements of federal law and regulations.