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An Act To Prohibit Wireless Smart Meter Opt-out Fees

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

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Presented by Representative BOLAND of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Representative: HARLOW of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3144** is enacted to read:

3 **§3144. Certain meter fees prohibited**

4 A transmission and distribution utility may not charge a customer a fee or a higher
5 rate for declining the installation of a wireless smart meter or using a meter other than a
6 wireless smart meter. As used in this section, "wireless smart meter" means an advanced
7 metering infrastructure device that uses radio frequency methods of wireless
8 communication.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill prohibits a transmission and distribution utility from charging a customer a
11 fee or a higher rate for declining the installation of a wireless smart meter or using a
12 meter other than a wireless smart meter.