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An Act To Ensure Fairness among Large Consumers of Natural Gas

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DION of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HARVELL of Farmington and
Senator: BREEN of Cumberland.

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

2   **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10111, sub-§2-A,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 425, §2, is
3   amended to read:

4   **2-A. Exemptions.** A wholesale electricity-generating facility that has a nameplate
5   capacity of 3 megawatts or greater or a large-volume customer that does not purchase its
6   natural gas from a gas utility is not eligible to participate in any natural gas conservation
7   program under this section. The commission may not allow a gas utility to collect an
8   assessment under this section through its rates from a wholesale electricity-generating
9   facility that has a nameplate capacity of 3 megawatts or greater or a large-volume
10   customer that does not purchase its natural gas from a gas utility. For purposes of this
11   section, "large-volume customer" means a customer that purchases at least 1,000,000
12   centum cubic feet of natural gas per year.

13   **SUMMARY**

14   This bill extends the existing ineligibility for participation in and the exemption from
15   assessment for natural gas conservation programs to large-volume customers that do not
16   purchase their natural gas from a Maine gas utility. Large-volume customers are defined
17   as those purchasing at least 1,000,000 centum cubic feet of natural gas per year.