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S.P. 234

In Senate, February 12, 2019

**An Act To Eliminate the Cap on the Number of Accounts or Meters
Designated for Net Energy Billing**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship and
Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, LIBBY of
Androscoggin, Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, FECTEAU of Biddeford,
RYKERSON of Kittery.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3209-A**, as corrected by RR 2017, c. 1, §32, is amended to
3 read:

4 **§3209-A. Net energy billing**

5 The commission may adopt or amend rules governing net energy billing. Rules
6 adopted or amended under this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
7 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. "Net energy billing" means a billing and metering practice
8 under which a customer is billed on the basis of net energy over the billing period taking
9 into account accumulated unused kilowatt-hour credits from the previous billing period.
10 Rules adopted or amended pursuant to this section may not impose any limit on the
11 number of accounts or meters that customers may designate for net energy billing and
12 may not limit the number of customers that may share an interest in a generation facility
13 for which the energy output is credited as part of any net energy billing.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill prohibits the Public Utilities Commission from adopting or amending net
16 energy billing rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3209-A to
17 impose any limit on the number of accounts or meters that customers may designate for
18 net energy billing or any limit on the number of customers that may share an interest in a
19 generation facility for which the energy output is credited as part of any net energy
20 billing.