



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2019

Legislative Document

No. 1186

H.P. 860

House of Representatives, March 12, 2019

An Act To Exempt Agricultural Fairs from the Assessment of Demand Charges for Electricity

(EMERGENCY)

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

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft. Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, DENNO of Cumberland, KINNEY of Knox, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, STEWART of Presque Isle, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senators: MIRAMANT of Knox, WOODSOME of York.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- 3 **Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day 4 period in order to be in effect for the 2019 agricultural fair season; and
- 5 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 6 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 7 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 8 therefore,
- 9 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 10 Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3106 is enacted to read:

11 §3106. Demand charge prohibited

A transmission and distribution utility may not assess a person or entity licensed to hold an agricultural fair in accordance with Title 7, section 83 a demand charge in connection with electric power or service provided for an agricultural fair. As used in this section, "demand charge" means the portion of a bill for electric power or service based on the amount of power a customer requires be available for use.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
legislation takes effect when approved.

19 SUMMARY

This bill provides that a transmission and distribution utility may not assess a person or entity licensed to hold an agricultural fair a demand charge in connection with electric power or service provided for an agricultural fair.