

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, December 24, 2019

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**An Act To Protect Maine Propane Consumers upon the  
Termination of an Agreement between a Dealer and a Consumer**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 20, 2019. Referred to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MATLACK of St. George.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, HOBBS of Wells.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1697** is enacted to read:

3 **§1697. Compensation for propane upon termination of agreement**

4 Upon the termination of an agreement between a propane dealer and a customer, the  
5 propane dealer shall compensate the customer for the propane remaining in the customer's  
6 tank at a rate equal to the market price of the propane on the date that the agreement is  
7 terminated or the price that the customer paid for the propane, whichever is less, if the  
8 customer has paid for the propane, the amount of propane is more than 5 gallons and the  
9 customer has not received compensation pursuant to this section in the previous 12  
10 months.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill provides that upon the termination of an agreement between a propane  
13 dealer and a customer, the propane dealer must compensate the customer for the propane  
14 remaining in the customer's tank at a rate equal to the market price of the propane on the  
15 date that the agreement is terminated or the price that the customer paid for the propane,  
16 whichever is less, if the customer has paid for the propane, the amount of propane is more  
17 than 5 gallons and the customer has not received such compensation in the previous 12  
18 months.