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L.D. 1328

Date: 6-15-21

(Filing No. H-637)

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 980, L.D. 1328, "An Act To Protect Maine Electricity Customers from Threats of Disconnection in the Wintertime"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §717 by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 1, lines 30 to 35 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'3. Past due accounts; assistance programs. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the notice permitted under subsection 2 to a residential customer from a transmission and distribution utility is deemed a notice of disconnection for the purpose of establishing eligibility for certain emergency assistance programs, including, but not limited to, the emergency general assistance described in Title 22, chapter 1161 and the fuel assistance described in Title 30-A, chapter 201, subchapter 13.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the notice permitted to be sent to a residential customer from a transmission and distribution utility during the disconnection prohibition period is deemed a notice of disconnection for the purpose of establishing eligibility for certain emergency assistance programs.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1328

LR 1924(02)

An Act To Protect Maine Electricity Customers from Threats of Disconnection in the Wintertime

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-637)*

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds
Minor revenue increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional filing fees may increase General Fund and other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission as a result of changes to the disconnection process electric transmission and distribution utilities must adhere to are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.