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H.P. 73

House of Representatives, January 9, 2023

An Act to Prohibit Minimum Usage or Tank Rental Fees for Certain Propane Customers

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and
Representatives: JAUCH of Topsham, KUHN of Falmouth, MALON of Biddeford, SAYRE of
Kennebunk, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1661-D** is enacted to read:

3 **§1661-D. Propane gas; minimum usage or tank rental fees**

4 A retail seller of propane gas may not require a customer who purchases propane gas
5 for the sole purpose of powering a residential backup power generator to pay a minimum
6 usage fee or a tank rental fee that is based on usage.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill prohibits retail sellers of propane gas from charging customers who purchase
9 propane gas for the sole purpose of powering residential backup power generators a
10 minimum use fee or a tank rental fee that is based on usage.