

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 214

House of Representatives, January 30, 2023

### **An Act Regarding the Purpose and Responsibilities of the State Regulatory System for Public Utilities**

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative DUCHARME of Madison.  
Cosponsored by Representative: LAVIGNE of Berwick.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §101**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 279, §1, is further amended  
3 to read:

4 **§101. Statement of purpose**

5 The purpose of this Title is to ensure that there is a regulatory system for public utilities  
6 in the State and for other entities subject to this Title that is consistent with the public  
7 interest and with other requirements of law and to provide for reasonable licensing  
8 requirements for competitive electricity providers. The basic purpose of this regulatory  
9 system as it applies to public utilities subject to service regulation under this Title is to  
10 ensure safe, reasonable and adequate service, to assist in minimizing the cost of energy  
11 available to the State's consumers, to ensure that the rates of public utilities subject to rate  
12 regulation are just and reasonable to customers and public utilities and to ~~reduce~~  
13 ~~greenhouse gas emissions to meet the greenhouse gas emissions reduction levels set forth~~  
14 ~~in Title 38, section 576-A~~ educate consumers to make independent and informed utility  
15 choices.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill removes the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the basic purpose of  
18 the State's regulatory system for public utilities and instead requires that the regulatory  
19 system educate consumers to make independent and informed utility choices.