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## 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 694

House of Representatives, March 9, 2023

An Act to Protect Vulnerable Populations in Residential Facilities from Extended Power Outages

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

R(+ B. Hunt

Presented by Representative EATON of Deer Isle.

Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and

Representatives: BOYER of Poland, COPELAND of Saco, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, THORNE of Carmel, Senators: RENY of Lincoln, TIPPING of

Penobscot.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 279 is enacted to read:
3	CHAPTER 279
4	BACKUP POWER FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES
5	§1700-C. Backup power for certain residential facilities
6	A residential facility licensed under this Title that services or houses elderly persons
7	persons with disabilities or other vulnerable populations must be equipped with a backup
8	source of electrical power to power an on-site area that at a minimum allows for warming
9	cooling, charging electronic devices and other basic needs for the entire population of the
10	facility.
11	SUMMARY
12	This bill requires that every residential facility that services or houses elderly persons
13	persons with disabilities or other vulnerable populations be equipped with a backup source
14	of electrical power to power an on-site area that at a minimum allows for warming, cooling
15	charging electronic devices and other basic needs for the entire population of the facility.