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H.P. 747

House of Representatives, March 14, 2023

**An Act to Provide for the Review and Uniform Application of All
Transmission and Distribution Utility Rates**

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 ADAMS of Lebanon.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3110** is enacted to read:

3 **§3110. Limitation on charges**

4 A transmission and distribution utility may not charge a customer or demand, collect
5 or receive from a customer for any transmission and distribution utility service performed
6 by it within the State, or for any service in connection with that performance, a
7 compensation that is not reviewed and approved by the commission. The commission may
8 not approve any charge or fee related to metering that is not uniform for all persons taking
9 service in the same rate class.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill clarifies that all charges and fees collected by a transmission and distribution
12 utility from its customers must be reviewed and approved by the Public Utilities
13 Commission. It also provides that the commission may not approve any charge related to
14 metering that is not uniform for all persons taking service in the same rate class, thereby
15 prohibiting customer-specific metering charges, such as a maintenance fee for a customer
16 who has an older meter.