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Legislative Document

No. 199

S. P. 99

In Senate, January 23, 1947.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Batchelder of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Erroneous Charges by Public Utilities.

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

R. S., c. 40, § 61, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 61 of chapter 40 of the revised statutes hereby is amended to read as follows:

'The commission may authorize reparation or adjustment where the utility admits that a rate charged was excessive or unreasonable or collected through error, and **where it further** appears that the utility, ~~has subsequently~~ within ~~90 days~~ **six months** after the rendering of any service within the state **under such rate, has filed** ~~the a reduced rate to which the reduction is authorized~~ in place of the rate which ~~is admitted to be excessive or unreasonable~~ **admittedly was excessive or unreasonable or collected through error**; provided, however, that such new rate so published shall continue in force 1 year unless sooner changed by the order or with the consent of the commission, **and that the amount of reparation which may be authorized by the commission shall not exceed the difference between the charges based on the reduced rate and the charges based on the rate canceled thereby.'**