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# PUBLIC LAWS

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### CHAPTER 354

AN ACT to Permit Interstate Public Utility Hearings.

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

35 MRSA § 16 is enacted to read:

§ 16. Participation with other utilities

The commission shall have the authority to participate with other state public utility regulating bodies in joint hearings and studies relating to mutually regulated utilities.

Effective October 1, 1975

### CHAPTER 355

#### AN ACT to Clarify the Laws Relating to Human Rights.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 4552, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 705, § 1, is further amended to read:

§ 4552. Policy

To protect the public health, safety and welfare, it is declared to be the policy of this State to keep continually in review all practices infringing on the basic human right to a life with dignity, and the causes of such practices, so that corrective measures may, where possible, be promptly recommended and implemented; and to prevent discrimination in employment, housing or access to public accommodations on account of race, color, sex, physical handicap, religion, ancestry or national origin and in employment, discrimination on account of age; and to prevent discrimination in the extension of credit on account of age, race, color, sex, marital status, religion, ancestry or national origin.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 4566, sub-§ 6, 2nd sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 705, § 2, is further amended to read:

The commission may itself or it may empower these agencies and councils to study the problems of discrimination in all or specific fields of human relationships when based on race or color, sex, physical handicap, religion, or country of ancestral age, ancestry or national origin, and foster, through community effort or otherwise, good will among the groups and elements of the population of the State.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA § 4566, sub-§ 10, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 705, § 3, is further amended to read:

10. Publications. To issue such publications and such results of investigations and research as in its judgment will tend to promote good will, and