

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**  
AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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J.S. McCarthy Co.  
Augusta, Maine  
1981

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## CHAPTER 681

H.P. 1865 - L.D. 1859

### AN ACT to Restrict Rate Increase Proposals by Public Utilities.

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

35 MRSA §64, as amended by PL 1981, c. 408, is further amended by inserting after the first paragraph 2 new paragraphs to read:

Without the approval of the commission, no utility may file a schedule or schedules for a general increase in rates pursuant to this section within one year of a prior filing for a general increase in rates pursuant to this section. This requirement shall not prevent any utility, at any time, from notifying the commission in advance, either voluntarily or in accordance with a commission requirement under this section, of its plans to file a general increase in rates. Nothing in this section may be construed to limit any utility's right, at any time, to petition pursuant to section 311 for temporary rate relief.

For the purposes of this section, a "general increase in rates" is defined as any change in the rates, tolls and charges of the public utility, the effect of which is to increase the annual operating revenues of a public utility by more than 1%, provided that this term shall not include a rate change made for the sole purpose of implementing a fuel cost adjustment rate, pursuant to section 131.

Effective July 13, 1982.

## CHAPTER 682

H.P. 1795 - L.D. 1785

### AN ACT Concerning the Rate of Return on Investment Factor Under the Railroad Excise Tax.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §2624, first ¶, 8th sentence, as