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STATE OF MAINE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION
of the
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
JANUARY 4, 1984 TO APRIL 25, 1984

Effective February 22, 1984.

CHAPTER 617

H.P. 1457 - L.D. 1909

AN ACT to Conform the Safety Jurisdiction
of the Public Utilities Commission over
Gas Utilities to Federal Requirements.

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

35 MRSA §15, sub-§8, as amended by PL 1983, c. 207, is further amended to read:

8. Gas company. "Gas company" includes every corporation or person, their lessees, trustees, receivers or trustees appointed by any court whatsoever, owning, controlling, operating or managing any gas plant for compensation within this State, except where gas is made or produced on and distributed by the maker or producer through private property alone solely for his own use or the use of his tenants and not for sale to others, or where the gas is sold in liquid form in individual containers or is delivered in bulk in liquid form to a central tank that serves less than 10 customers, ~~provided that a~~ and no portion of which is located in a public place. A gas company owning, controlling, operating or managing such a central tank ~~servng more than 10 customers system or a petroleum gas system that serves 10 or more customers or any portion of which is located in a public place~~ shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the commission solely with respect to safety.

Effective July 25, 1984.

CHAPTER 618

S.P. 697 - L.D. 1937

AN ACT Concerning the Possession of Firearms
by Felons.

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

15 MRSA §392, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 698, §88, is repealed.

Effective July 25, 1984.

CHAPTER 619

H.P. 1396 - L.D. 1819

AN ACT to Reenact a Provision for Protective Orders in Crimes Between Family Members.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, in 1979 the Legislature enacted a law to allow judges to issue protective orders as a condition of bail or probation for certain crimes between family members; and

Whereas, this law contained a sunset provision that resulted in the automatic repeal of the law concerning protective orders on November 1, 1983; and

Whereas, the Legislature inadvertently failed to repeal this sunset provision, but has acted to repeal the sunset provision of other provisions of the state's domestic violence law; and

Whereas, the continuing ability of judges to issue protective orders in cases of certain crimes between family members is vital to the family members subject to violent crimes; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

15 MRSA c. 12-A is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 12-A

CRIMES BETWEEN FAMILY MEMBERS

§321. Protective orders in crimes between family members