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CHAPTER 20
H.P. 211 - L.D. 302

**Resolve, Directing the Public
Utilities Commission To
Review Certain Electricity
Distribution Charges Assessed
on Businesses**

Sec. 1. Public Utilities Commission review.

Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology regarding the demand charges placed on the medium rate class by an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility, referred to as a "utility" in this resolve. The report must include the following:

1. An examination of how a utility determines whether a business should be in the medium rate class and therefore subject to the demand charges;

2. An examination of the impact of demand charges on seasonal businesses that reach the demand charge break point only a few times per year or only during peak seasonal usage and whether a utility's current terms and conditions that govern demand charges are just and reasonable for seasonal businesses;

3. An examination of the impact of demand charges on new customers, including a business account whose electricity use may change as a result of a change in ownership, and whether a utility's current terms and conditions that govern demand charges are just and reasonable for new customers;

4. An examination of the impact of demand charges on business innovation and whether there are actions that can be taken to ensure that the demand charge does not negatively affect a business' willingness to test a new technology that increases electricity use; and

5. Any recommended changes to a utility's terms and conditions to make the demand charges more just and reasonable, especially for the types of customers described in subsections 2 to 4, and a description of the process that will be needed to implement the recommendations.

The Public Utilities Commission shall submit the report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology no later than January 15, 2014. The Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology may report out a bill on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 21
H.P. 383 - L.D. 564

**Resolve, To Establish a
Working Group To Study
Vision Requirements for
Obtaining a Driver's License
and To Review the Current
Prohibition on the Use of
Telescopic or Biopic Lenses
while Driving**

Sec. 1. Working group to study vision requirements for obtaining a driver's license and to review the current prohibition on the use of telescopic or biopic lenses while driving. Resolved:

That the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, referred to in this resolve as "the bureau," and the Medical Advisory Board, referred to in this resolve as "the board," established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 84, shall convene a working group to examine current vision standards, adopted by rule by the department, to qualify for a driver's license. The working group shall review the bureau's current rule prohibiting the use of telescopic or biopic lenses for the purposes of meeting any of the visual acuity requirements for obtaining a driver's license and while driving a motor vehicle; and be it further

Sec. 2. Participants. Resolved: That the bureau and the board shall work with stakeholders, including, but not limited to, licensed physicians representing the specialty of ophthalmology, advocates for those with low vision and certified orientation and mobility specialists, when conducting the study under section 1; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That by January 15, 2014 the bureau shall submit a written report of the findings under this resolve and any recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature relating to the subject matter of this report.

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