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An Act to Limit Rates Charged to Low-income Electricity Consumers

Reported by Representative SACHS of Freeport for the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to Public Law 2025, chapter 123, section 3, subsection 2.

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§4-D is enacted to read:

4-D. Low-income assistance; rate limitation. A competitive electricity provider may not enter into or renew a contract for generation service with a residential consumer receiving low-income assistance authorized by section 3214, subsection 2 that would result in a rate being charged to the consumer at any time that is more than the standard-offer service rate established pursuant to section 3212. The commission may adopt rules to implement this subsection, including, but not limited to, rules governing the sharing of low-income assistance consumer data by a transmission and distribution utility with a competitive electricity provider.

SUMMARY

This bill is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to Public Law 2025, chapter 123, section 3. The bill prohibits a competitive electricity provider from providing generation service to a residential electricity consumer receiving low-income assistance at a rate that is more than the standard-offer service rate. It authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to adopt routine technical rules to implement this provision.

The committee has not taken a position on the substance of this bill. By reporting this bill out, the committee is not suggesting and does not intend to suggest that it agrees or disagrees with any aspect of this bill. The committee is reporting the bill out for the sole purpose of having a bill printed that can be referred to the committee for an appropriate public hearing and subsequent processing in the normal course. The committee is taking this action to ensure clarity and transparency in the legislative review of the proposals contained in the bill.