



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1651

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An Act To Exempt Certain Natural Gas Consumers from an Assessment and To Extend a Moratorium on Assessments for Other Large-volume Consumers of Natural Gas

Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) not assess any large volume customer of a gas utility or make any final decision regarding the appropriateness or size of assessments on large volume customers until 90 days after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature in fiscal year 2017-18. Large volume customers are not currently being assessed by the PUC. Any revenue, if they were to be assessed, would be transferred to the Efficiency Maine Trust by the PUC. No estimate is made at this time on whether and at what rate they would be assessed. The bill also exempts wholesale electricity-generating facilities having a nameplate capacity of 3 megawatts or greater from assessments. No estimate is made at this time on the potential revenue loss from exempting these wholesale electricity-generating facilities.