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**An Act To Require Certain Veterans' Organizations To Be Billed
for Electricity Usage at the Same Rate as Residential Customers**

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Clerk

Presented by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3109** is enacted to read:

3 **§3109. Military veterans' organizations; residential customer**

4 **1. Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following
5 meanings.

6 A. "Eligible military veterans' organization" means a military veterans' organization
7 qualified under the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 United States Code,
8 Section 501(c)(19), as amended, excluding a trust or foundation for a post or
9 organization of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

10 B. "Residential customer" means a customer defined as residential under the terms and
11 conditions of the customer's transmission and distribution utility.

12 **2. Residential rate for military veterans' organizations.** A transmission and
13 distribution utility shall bill an eligible military veterans' organization at the same rate as
14 the utility bills a residential customer for electric power or service provided to a facility
15 owned by that organization or a facility rented by that organization if that organization is
16 billed directly for electric power or service provided by the utility.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires a transmission and distribution utility to treat an eligible military
19 veterans' organization as a residential customer for the purpose of billing for electric power
20 or service provided to a facility owned or rented by that organization if that organization is
21 billed directly for electric power or service.