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# **STATE OF MAINE**

# IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

# **TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN**

# H.P. 425 - L.D. 581

# An Act To Direct Electric Utilities To Provide Comparative Usage Data on Customer Billing Statements

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3106 is enacted to read:

### §3106. Comparative usage data on billing statements

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

<u>A.</u> "Comparative usage data" means data regarding a customer's energy usage for the previous 24 months that compares each month's usage between the first 12 months and the 2nd 12 months of usage.

B. "Medium commercial customer" means a nonresidential customer that meets the availability criteria to take service under a core customer class of the transmission and distribution utility that includes a demand charge and in which a customer's maximum demand does not exceed 500 kilowatts or the utility's kilowatt break-point between classes that is closest to but does not exceed 500 kilowatts, whichever is lower.

<u>C.</u> "Residential customer" means a customer defined as residential under the terms and conditions of the transmission and distribution utility.

D. "Small commercial customer" means a nonresidential customer that meets the availability criteria to take service under a core customer class of the transmission and distribution utility that does not include a demand charge.

2. Billing statements. Except as provided in subsection 3, an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility shall provide comparative usage data on customer billing statements of residential customers, small commercial customers and medium commercial customers.

**3. Waiver.** The commission, by rule or order, may waive the requirements of this section for an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility for the portion of the service territory of that utility that is located in an area of this State in which the retail market is administered by the independent system administrator for northern Maine if the commission finds that implementation of the requirements of this section is unduly burdensome or cost-prohibitive in that portion of the utility's service territory.