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### An Act Regarding Gas Utilities under the Safety Jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission

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Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §4702**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1999, c. 718, §15, is  
3 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4 **§4702. Safety jurisdiction only over certain gas utilities**

5 **1. Jurisdiction.** A gas utility owning, controlling, operating or managing a central  
6 tank system or a petroleum gas system is subject to the jurisdiction of the commission  
7 solely with respect to safety if that system serves:

8 A. Ten or more customers;

9 B. More than one customer and any portion of the central tank system or petroleum  
10 gas system is located in a public place; or

11 C. One customer and a portion of the central tank system or petroleum gas system is  
12 located off the customer's premises in a public place.

13 For the purposes of this subsection, "customer" means a residential, commercial or  
14 industrial consumer of gas that receives an invoice or bill from a gas utility.

15 **2. Corrosion.** In the regulation of safety under this section, the commission shall  
16 define "corrosion" as a condition exhibiting signs of deterioration including pitting or loss  
17 of metal. "Corrosion" may not be defined to include surface rust or loss of paint coating.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill defines "customer" and clarifies what constitutes "corrosion" for purposes of  
20 Public Utility Commission safety jurisdiction over certain gas utilities.