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## **An Act To Enhance the Reliability and Competitiveness of Maine's Electricity Market**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3204, sub-§6,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 316, §3, is amended to read:

**6. Generation assets required.** ~~On or after March 1, 2000, notwithstanding~~Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter, the commission may ~~allow~~order an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to own, have a financial interest in or otherwise control generation and generation-related assets to the extent that the commission finds that ~~ownership, interest or control is necessary for the utility to perform its obligations as a transmission and distribution utility in an efficient manner~~such ownership or control is necessary for the utility to perform its obligations as a transmission and distribution utility to provide reliable and efficient service, including the creation or enhancement of the competitive market for electricity.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill allows the Public Utilities Commission to order investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to own or control generation assets if the commission determines that ownership or control is necessary to provide reliable and efficient service.