



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 197

LR 745(01)

## An Act To Improve Response to Gas Safety Emergencies

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Hinck of Portland

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: No

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Minor cost increase - General Fund

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#### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Insignificant increase in appeals to the Law Court.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to allow persons injured by gas explosion events or who suffer property damage therefrom to address the PUC in a formal proceeding, to make specific findings of fact in any final order including findings regarding administrative penalties arising from the violation and to consider documented property losses and make equitable compensation for such losses may result in minor costs to the PUC which can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.