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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SUMMARY**

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