



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 2122(02)

An Act To Prohibit a Public Utility from Terminating or Disconnecting Service to a Public Safety Facility without Advance Notice and Approval

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes a notice requirement and authorization process that a public utility must follow before terminating or disconnecting a public safety facility's utility service for nonpayment of rates, fees, or charges for utility services. The bill also allows the Public Utilities Commission to impose an administrative penalty between .1% and .25% of the annual gross revenue for each public utility violation of the new disconnect process established in the bill. These administrative penalties will result in additional Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the PUC. Any additional costs to the PUC as a result of rulemaking regarding the disconnect process are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.