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### STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 132ND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 642, L.D. 995, “An Act to Provide Funding for Low-income Electric Ratepayer Assistance”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 201, §1; c. 230, §2; c. 306, §§2 and 3; and c. 361, §§3 to 5, is further amended by enacting at the end a new last blocked paragraph to read:

As used in this subsection, "low-income household" means a household that is eligible for an assistance program administered by the Maine State Housing Authority pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4722, subsection 1, paragraph W or a means-tested program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and that has an income of no more than 150% of the federal poverty level, as defined in Title 22, section 3762, subsection 1, paragraph C.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

### SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the definition of "low-income household" in the bill. The amendment provides that a low-income household for the purposes of needs-based low-income assistance for electricity customers is a household that is eligible for a low-income assistance program administered by the Maine State Housing Authority or eligible for a means-tested program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and that has an income of no more than 150% of the federal poverty level.

### FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)