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An Act To Reduce Costs for Businesses with Previous Utility Payment Records

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Presented by Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Senators: ROSEN of Hancock, SHERMAN of Aroostook, THOMAS of Somerset, TRAHAN of Lincoln, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representative: DAVIS of Sangerville.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §716 is enacted to read:
3	§716. Businesses with previous utility payment records
4 5 6	A public utility may not require an escrow or other initial start-up payment from a business customer that has an acceptable credit history with a previous public utility in the State.
7	SUMMARY
8 9 10	This bill provides that a public utility may not require an escrow or other initial start up payment from a business customer that has an acceptable credit history with a previous public utility in the State.