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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 222, L.D. 732, Bill, “An Act To Reduce Costs for Businesses with Previous Utility Payment Records”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Adopt Rules Affecting Utility Deposits'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Deposits for new businesses started by owners of existing businesses with good credit histories. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall by rule require a transmission and distribution utility to consider a business owner’s prior credit history with another transmission and distribution utility when determining whether to require a deposit for service to a new business of that business owner as long as the business owner requests this consideration and provides permission for the other transmission and distribution utility to share the credit history information. The rules must require that the transmission and distribution utility consider the business owner’s prior credit history with the other transmission and distribution utility in the same manner it would consider the prior credit history of a business owner located in its own service territory.

Rules adopted pursuant to this resolve are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires the Public Utilities Commission by rule to require a transmission and distribution utility to consider a business owner’s prior credit history with another transmission and distribution utility when determining whether to require a deposit for service to a new business of that business owner as long as the business owner requests this consideration and provides permission for the other transmission and distribution utility to share the credit history

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2 the business owner’s prior credit history with the other transmission and distribution
3 utility in the same manner it would consider the prior credit history of a business owner
4 located in its own service territory.

5 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

6 **(See attached)**