

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
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H.P. 1047 - L.D. 1431

An Act To Allow Certain Veterans' Organizations To Be Billed for Electricity Usage at the Same Rate as Residential Customers and To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Consider Rate Design Modifications

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, at the request of an eligible military veterans' organization, bill that 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.

3. Repeal. This section is repealed September 1, 2025.

Sec. 2. Consideration of charges. The Public Utilities Commission shall, in its current proceeding on grid modernization, Docket No. 2021-00039, consider rate design modifications, including adjustments to fixed charges and demand charges.