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## An Act To Change the Definition of "Gas Utility" in the Laws Governing Public Utilities

Submitted by the Office of the Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York. Cosponsored by Senator: WOODSOME of York, Representative: RILEY of Jay.

### 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §102, sub-§8, as amended by PL 1999, c. 718, §14, is
further amended to read:

8. Gas utility. "Gas utility" includes every person, that person's lessees, trustees, 4 receivers or trustees appointed by any court owning, controlling, operating or managing 5 any gas plant for compensation within this State, except when gas is made or produced on 6 and distributed by the maker or producer through private property alone solely for its own 7 tenants and not for sale to others, or when the gas is sold solely for use in vehicles fueled 8 by natural gas or to a liquid gas system that serves fewer than 10 customers as long as no 9 portion of the liquid gas system is located in a public place or that serves a single 10 customer if the liquid gas system is located entirely on the customer's premises. "Gas 11 utility" does not include includes a gas marketer whose business in the State is restricted 12 to selling natural gas to retail consumers and who does not provide natural gas 13 14 transmission or distribution service.

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#### SUMMARY

16 This bill includes propane dealers in the definition of "gas utility" in the laws 17 governing public utilities.