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An Act to Require Utilities to Monitor Meters for Natural Gas Leaks

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, GEIGER of Rockland, WEBB of
Durham.

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §4713 is enacted to read:

§4713. Monitoring of natural gas meters

1. Utilities to monitor meters for natural gas leaks. A gas utility shall monitor every natural gas meter under its jurisdiction for leaks and report annually to the commission on the number of leaks identified under this section and any action taken by the utility to address the leaks. The commission shall contract a qualified impartial 3rd party to periodically assess utility compliance with this section in a frequency determined by the commission.

2. Rules. The commission shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This bill directs gas utilities to monitor the utilities' natural gas meters for leaks and report annually to the Public Utilities Commission on the number of leaks identified and any action taken to address the leaks. The bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to contract a qualified impartial 3rd party to periodically assess utility compliance with the monitoring and reporting requirements. The bill directs the Public Utilities Commission to adopt routine technical rules to carry out the purposes of the provisions of the bill.