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House of Representatives, March 12, 2013

An Act To Establish the Electromagnetic Field Safety Act

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representative: BOLAND of Sanford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA c. 7-B** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 7-B**

4 **ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD SAFETY ACT**

5 **§771. Short title**

6 This chapter may be known and cited as "the Electromagnetic Field Safety Act."

7 **§772. Required setback**

8 Beginning October 1, 2013, all new transmission line and electrical installations
9 capable of carrying 5,000 volts or more of electricity must be set back at least 300 feet
10 from residential homes, residential care facilities, hospitals, schools, licensed daycare
11 facilities, playgrounds, youth centers, religious facilities and youth camps.

12 **§773. Rules**

13 The commission shall adopt rules to implement this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant
14 to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
15 2-A.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill requires that, beginning October 1, 2013, all new transmission line and
18 electrical installations capable of carrying 5,000 volts or more of electricity must be set
19 back at least 300 feet from residential homes, residential care facilities, hospitals, schools,
20 licensed daycare facilities, playgrounds, youth centers, religious facilities and youth
21 camps.