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In Senate, February 1, 2011

An Act Regarding Penalties for Opting Out of Paperless Billing

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR. Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SULLIVAN of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BEAVERS of South Berwick, CASAVANT of Biddeford, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, FITZPATRICK of Houlton.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9420 is enacted to read:
§9420. Paperless billing
A customer of a person may not be penalized by that person for opting out of receiving from the person a billing statement by electronic record rather than in paper form. A person may offer an incentive to a customer to accept a billing statement from the person by electronic record rather than in paper form.
SUMMARY
This bill prohibits penalizing a customer for opting out of receiving a billing statement in electronic form rather than paper form, but allows an incentive to be offered to a customer to accept a billing statement electronically rather than in paper form.