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An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Existing Public Records Exceptions

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶R, as amended by PL 2013, c. 518, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §10106, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 343, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Confidential records. The following records are designated as confidential for purposes of Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, paragraph A:

A. A record obtained or developed by the trust that:

(1) A person, including the trust, to whom the record belongs or pertains has requested be designated confidential and that the board has determined contains information that gives the owner or a user an opportunity to obtain a business or competitive advantage over another person who does not have access to the information, except through the trust's records, or access to which by others would result in a business or competitive disadvantage, loss of business or other significant detriment, other than loss or denial of financial assistance from the trust, to any person to whom the record belongs or pertains; or

~~(2) The board has determined contains information that gives the owner or a user an opportunity to obtain business or competitive advantage over another person who does not have access to the information, except through the trust's records, or access to which by others would result in a business or competitive disadvantage, loss of business or other significant detriment, other than loss or denial of financial assistance from the trust, to any person to whom the record belongs or pertains;~~

(3) Contains information about the energy usage profile of an identifiable customer of a transmission and distribution utility in the State or an identifiable customer of a distributor of heating fuel or other energy source; and

~~(4) Contains the social security number, address, telephone number or e-mail address of a customer that has participated or may participate in a program of the trust; and~~

B. A financial statement or tax return.

The social security number, address, telephone number or e-mail address of a customer that has participated or may participate in a program of the trust is confidential.

The trust shall provide to a legislative committee, on written request signed by the chairs of that

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committee, any information or records, including information designated confidential under this subsection, specified in the written request. The information or records may be used only for the lawful purposes of the committee and in any action arising out of any investigation conducted by it.

Effective 90 days following adjournment of the 128th Legislature, First Regular Session, unless otherwise indicated.