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House of Representatives, March 2, 2017

### **An Act To Repeal or Clean Up Outdated Telecommunications Statutes**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.  
Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7101-B, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c.  
3 101, §1, is repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §7101-B, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 259, §1, is  
5 repealed.

6 **Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §7101-B, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

7 **4. Access rates.** The commission shall ensure that intrastate access rates are equal to  
8 interstate access rates established by the Federal Communications Commission. The  
9 commission may adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this  
10 subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

11 **Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §7303**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is repealed.

12 **Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §7304**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 54, §1 and  
13 affected by §2, is repealed.

14 **Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §7307**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 478, §2, is repealed.

15 **Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §7308**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 511, §1, is repealed.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill updates the law regarding interstate and intrastate telecommunications  
18 access rates. The bill also repeals obsolete provisions of law requiring persons providing  
19 intrastate interexchange service to reduce their intrastate long-distance rates in the  
20 absence of effective competition, prohibiting mandatory local measured telephone  
21 service, prohibiting the Public Utilities Commission from requiring a local exchange  
22 carrier to consider competitive bids on the construction of an interexchange facility,  
23 prohibiting a telephone utility offering intrastate toll service from increasing prices  
24 without filing a tariff revision with the commission and providing subscribers written  
25 notice and prohibiting a provider of prepaid calling service from increasing rates on  
26 already purchased service and requiring notice to prepaid calling service consumers about  
27 differences between in-state and interstate service rates.