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## 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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H.P. 805

House of Representatives, February 18, 1997

An Act to Provide the Entire State with Integrated Services Digital Network Telecommunication.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMONT of Kittery. Cosponsored by Representatives: BODWELL of Brunswick, CAMERON of Rumford, CIANCHETTE of South Portland, GIERINGER of Portland, HATCH of Skowhegan, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, VEDRAL of Buxton, WHEELER of Eliot.

Be it	enacted	by	the	People	of	the	State	of	Maine	as	follows:
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Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7101, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. 000, §1, is amended to read:

2. Economic development. The Legislature further declares and finds that a modern state-of-the-art telecommunications network is essential for the economic health and vitality of the State and for improvement in the quality of life for all Maine citizens. Therefore, it is the goal of the State that all Maine's businesses and citizens should have affordable access to an integrated——telecommunication——infrastructure integrated services digital network, which is capable of providing high-speed voice, data and image-based services. The State shall consider policies that:

A. Encourage economic development;

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- B. Employ methods of regulation that encourage the development and deployment of new technologies, including the integrated services digital network, throughout the State; and
  - C. Encourage acceptable service applications that support economic development initiatives or otherwise improve the well-being of Maine citizens.

**SUMMARY** 

This bill establishes as telecommunications policy that the State shall consider methods of regulation that encourage the development and deployment of new technologies, including the Integrated Services Digital Network, throughout the State.