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An Act To Require Permission of Customers before a Phone Company Can Bill Retroactively

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7308** is enacted to read:

6 **§7308. Telephone utility retroactive billing**

8 A telephone utility may not retroactively bill a customer
10 for services without the permission of that customer. For
12 purposes of this section, "retroactively bill" means to bill for
14 services for the first time after the passage of the monthly or
16 other regular billing cycle period in which those services would
18 normally have been billed. The commission may adopt appropriate
20 rules or orders to implement this provision. Rules adopted
22 pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined
in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill prohibits a telephone utility from retroactively
22 billing a customer without the customer's permission.