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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 122ND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 982, L.D. 1418, Bill, "An Act To Subject Prepaid Wireless Telephone Service to E-9-1-1 Funding Requirements"

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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Examine Issues Related to the Collection of Certain Fees on Prepaid Wireless Telephone Services'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Public Utilities Commission to study collection of fees on prepaid wireless telephone service. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall investigate methods of ensuring equity in funding the E-9-1-1 system, the Telecommunications Education Access Fund and the universal service fund, established by the Public Utilities Commission, through the collection of fees on prepaid wireless telephone service. The commission shall consider, without limitation, methods that involve collecting fees from providers of the service and methods that involve collecting fees at the retail point of sale. The commission shall also consider methods to establish the amount of fees and how or whether these should relate to the sale price or value of prepaid wireless telephone service. The commission shall examine methods used in other jurisdictions to determine if suitable models have been created that have proven to be effective; and be it further

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Sec. 3. Authority to report out bill. Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report submitted by the Public Utilities Commission under section 2.'

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SUMMARY

16 This amendment replaces the bill and turns the bill into a The amendment directs the Public Utilities Commission resolve. to examine methods of ensuring equity in funding the E-9-1-1 18 system, the Telecommunications Education Access Fund and the universal service fund, established by the Public Utilities 20 Commission, through the collection of fees on prepaid wireless 22 telephone service. The commission is directed to submit its report with its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy by February 2006. The Joint Standing 24 Committee on Utilities and Energy is authorized to report out a bill on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular 26 Session of the 122nd Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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An Act To Subject Prepaid Wireless Telephone Service to E-9-1-1 Funding Requirements

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment ""

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds