

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1029

H. P. 775

House of Representatives, February 9, 1965

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Katz of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Community Antenna Television Systems.

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

R. S., T. 35, § 2303-A, additional. Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2303-A, to read as follows:

‘§ 2303-A. Certificate for community antenna television systems

No person, association or corporation shall construct or operate a community antenna television system transmitting television signals by wire without having first obtained a certificate from the Public Utilities Commission certifying that public convenience and necessity require the operation of such a service within the territory specified in such certificate. Such certificate shall be issued only after written application for the same has been made to the commission, accompanied by a fee of \$50, and public hearing has been held thereon. No certificate shall be sold or transferred without the approval of said commission. For due cause shown, said commission may amend, suspend or revoke any such certificate. If a certificate is not exercised within 2 years from the date of issue, the commission may revoke such certificate. The commission may specify in the certificate at the time of issue and from time to time thereafter such terms and conditions as the public interest may require.

In determining whether a certificate shall be granted, the commission shall take into consideration the public need for the proposed service, the suitability of the applicant or, if the applicant is a corporation, of its management, the financial responsibility of the applicant and the ability of the applicant to perform efficiently the service for which authority is requested.

Any public utility or cooperative may lease facilities to persons, associations

or corporations operating community antenna television systems for the purpose of making television and audio signals available for reception by the customers of such persons, associations or corporations. Rates for such leasing shall be filed with the Public Utilities Commission.

The commission may issue orders and regulations governing the safety of operations of community antenna television systems.'