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STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 650, L.D. 794, Bill, "AN ACT Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to Order a Community of Interest Study upon Petition by 10% of the Service Customers in a Telephone Exchange and to Promulgate Rules and Regulations Relating to the Establishment of Extended Area Service."

Amend the amendment in that part designated "§2605." by striking out the period at the end and inserting in its place the following:

'except that an exchange area in which denial of a community of interest study creates an undue economic hardship may petition the Public Utilities Commission in accordance with section 2603, for a study within the 3-year period, and the commission may order a new study.

The Public Utilities Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations after a hearing to define economic hardship, and the regulations shall require that a minimum of 5 calls per month are made, on the average by the general population to the neighboring or contiguous telephone exchange. The regulations shall

also include a general description of the economic effects of the existing telephone exchange system on business and industry, on consumers and on the general welfare of the municipality or municipalities in the telephone exchange area that the commission considers to be undue economic hardship.'

Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to provide a means by which a community which suffers economic hardship as a result of the structure of the existing telephone exchange to obtain a review and study of the system within 3 years from the previous commission denial.

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