

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

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7 H.P. 449

House of Representatives, February 2, 1983

8 Received by the Clerk of the House on February 2, 1983. Referred to the
9 Committee on Public Utilities, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Michael of Auburn.

Cosponsors: Representative Reeves of Pittston, Representative Jacques of
Waterville and Representative Nadeau of Lewiston.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Relating to New Installations
18 of Pay Telephones.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 35 MRSA §2702 is enacted to read:

23 §2702. Emergency access with pay telephones; new
24 installations

25 Every telephone company doing business in this
26 State that operates and maintains pay telephone
27 installations shall, after the effective date of this
28 section, ensure that all new pay telephone installa-
29 tions permit a caller to obtain emergency assistance
30 either by dialing "0" or "911," if a "911" emergency
31 system exists in that dialing area, without first
32 having to deposit any money. Every telephone company
33 shall clearly designate on its pay telephone equip-

1 ment that no money is required to be used to make an
2 emergency call and what the appropriate general emer-
3 gency number in that area is.

4 The replacement of pay telephone equipment at an
5 existing pay telephone installation constitutes a new
6 installation for purposes of this section.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 The purpose of this bill is to require telephone
9 companies to provide free access to emergency assis-
10 tance through pay telephones.

11 Under this bill, all new pay telephone installa-
12 tions would be required to contain notice that emer-
13 gency assistance could be obtained without having to
14 deposit money. Each installation would also have to
15 clearly identify the appropriate emergency number for
16 that area.

17 The bill also provides that replacement equipment
18 installed at an existing pay telephone installation
19 would have to conform to the requirements of this
20 bill.

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