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

No. 1272

7 S.P. 469

In Senate, April 9, 1985

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

9 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

10 Presented by Senator Gill of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative Taylor of Camden, Representative Clark of Millinocket and Senator Baldacci of Penobscot.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Ensure Affordable Telephone Costs
18 for Nonprofit Social Service
19 Corporations by Prohibiting the Local
20 Measured Service Rate Structure for
21 these Customers.
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23 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
24 follows:

25 35 MRSA §107 is enacted to read:

26 §107. Mandatory measured service; social service or-
27 ganizations

28 1. Measured service for social service organiza-
29 tions prohibited. No telephone company which imple-
30 ments mandatory measuring of local telephone calls
31 may apply that measuring to a social service organi-
32 zation or to any satellite telephone line of that or-
33 ganization. Any social service organization which
34 uses satellite telephone lines shall file an affida-
35 vit, on a form approved by the Public Utilities Com-

1 mission, with the telephone company identifying any
2 satellite telephone line used within the organiza-
3 tion.

4 2. Definitions. As used in this section, unless
5 the context otherwise indicates, the following terms
6 have the following meanings.

7 A. "Satellite telephone line" means a telephone
8 line used by an employee or volunteer of a social
9 service organization located other than at the
10 offices of the organization.

11 B. "Social service organization" means any
12 not-for-profit corporation, association or orga-
13 nization which provides counseling, medical, re-
14 ferral or emergency services, including, but not
15 limited to, mental health, health assistance,
16 rescue, police, fire and other related emergency
17 services, suicide prevention, substance abuse
18 counselling, run-away hotlines, domestic violence
19 or abuse or neglect.

20 STATEMENT OF FACT

21 The purpose of this bill is to prohibit local
22 measured telephone service for social service organi-
23 zations which provide emergency-type services.

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