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## SECOND REGULAR SESSION

## ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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follows:

No. 1999

S.P. 740 In Senate, January 77, 1988
Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Modernize the Definition of

Telecommunications Utilities Subject to the
Jurisdiction of the Public Utilities
Commission.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §102, sub-§§16-A and 16-B are enacted to read:

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1	16-A. Telecommunications service.	
2	"Telecommunications service" means the offering	
3	two-way transmission of information by electromagnet	
4	means, whether that transmission is accomplished wi	th
5	or without the use of transmission wires, includi	ng
6	the collection, storage, forwarding, switching a	nd
7	delivery of the information, essential to th	at
8	transmission.	

16-B. Telecommunications system.
"Telecommunications system" includes all facilities, 9 10 11 apparatus, conduits, poles, wires, cables, instruments 12 appliances, specifically including telecommunications equipment for customers with special needs subject to the provisions of section 13 14 15 7504, and all other real estate, fixtures and personal 16 property owned, controlled, operated or managed provide telecommunications service. 17

18 Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §102, sub-§19, as enacted by 19 PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

19. Telephone utility. "Telephone utility"
11 includes every person, its lessees, trustees,
12 receivers or trustees appointed by any court, owning,
13 controlling, operating or managing any telephone
14 time telecommunications system for compensation
15 within this State.

26 Sec. 3 35-A MRSA §102, sub-§20, as enacted by 27 PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is repealed.

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides a modern definition of telephone utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission based upon modern technological concepts of telecommunications.

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