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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1569, L.D. 2174, Bill, "An Act to Require Notice of Charges for Use of Telephones Made Available for Public Use"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §7305 is enacted to read:

§7305. Notice of charges for use of public telephones

1. Notice of charges. Any person who owns, controls, operates or manages a public telephone shall provide a written notice within the immediate vicinity of the telephone and plainly visible to any person using the telephone. The notice must:

A. Identify the name, address and telephone number of the person who owns, controls, operates or manages the public telephone to whom complaints regarding that telephone may be directed;

B. Inform the person using the public telephone how to contact a local telephone company operator or "911" service operator in case of emergency;

C. Specify the rates or charges for use of the public telephone, including charges for local calls, intrastate calls, "800" or other toll-free calls, uncompleted calls, incoming calls, collect calls, 3rd-party calls and credit card calls; and

D. Contain the identity of the long-distance company that serves the public telephone, explain how the user of the public telephone may, at no charge, obtain information on the rates or charges imposed by the long-distance company, and any additional charges imposed on the user for long distance services.

2 2. Charges limited when no notice. Any person who owns,
4 controls, operates or manages a public telephone and fails to
6 provide the notice required by subsection 1 may not demand or
 receive compensation for use of the telephone in excess of
 charges imposed by the local exchange telephone utility serving
 that area with respect to that use.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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14 This amendment clarifies the requirement for notice of how
16 to reach local emergency service and reformats section 2 of the
18 bill. It also deletes the requirement that the notice to the
 user of a public telephone include the actual rates or charges
 imposed by the long-distance company. Instead, the amendment
 requires that the notice inform the user of the public telephone
 how those rates or charges may be obtained.

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