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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of York
Cosponsored by Representative AIKMAN of Poland and Representative HOLT of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act Authorizing Measured Telephone Service for Business Customers.

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Be it	enacted	by	the	People	of	the	State	of	Maine	as	follow	S
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35-A MRSA §7303, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Optional measured service for businesses. A telephone utility operating in this State may offer measured local telephone service to business customers on an optional basis. The standard for judicial review described in subsection 3 does not apply to measured local telephone service for business customers.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill enables telephone companies to offer measured service to business customers, subject to approval by the Public Utilities Commission, and eliminates the uncertainty in existing law concerning whether these services are prohibited for business customers, as they are for residential customers. It is expected that any new measured service offerings for business customers will generate additional revenues, which will reduce overall rates and enable participating customers to rely more extensively on telecommunication services.