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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1157, L.D. 1698, Bill, "An Act to Promote Participation in Affordable Telephone Service"

Amend the bill by striking everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7103 is enacted to read:

§7103. Affordable telephone service

The Public Utilities Commission shall require each local telephone company to participate in statewide outreach programs designed to increase the number of low-income telephone customers on the network through increased participation in any universal service programs approved by the commission. The Public Utilities Commission may adopt rules to implement this section.

Sec. 2. Public Utilities Commission report on the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 7103. The Public Utilities Commission must report to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities by January 15, 1992 on any suggested or adopted programs for implementation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 7103.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill requires local telephone companies to participate in a statewide outreach program to increase the number of low-income telephone customers and will require the Public Utilities Commission to promulgate rules and may require the commission to review modified tariffs. The bill also requires

2 the Public Utilities Commission to report to the Legislature on
any suggested or adopted programs. The costs associated with
4 adoption of rules, tariff reviews and the required report can be
absorbed utilizing existing resources of the Public Utilities
Commission.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

10 For clarity, this amendment reallocates the language of the
bill into its own new section.

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14 This amendment clarifies that more than one telephone
utility outreach program may be mandated by the Public Utilities
Commission. Also, this amendment adds a new section requiring
16 the commission to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on
Utilities by January 15, 1992 on programs it has adopted or that
18 it suggests for implementation of this provision.

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This amendment also adds a fiscal note.

Reported by the Committee on Utilities
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