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H.P. 1480

House of Representatives, December 20, 2001

**An Act to Prohibit the Charging of Tolls for Phone Calls Made Between
Contiguous Communities.**

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Utilities and Energy pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative MICHAUD of Fort Kent.

Cosponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin, Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, MAYO of Bath, O'NEIL of Saco, PARADIS of Frenchville, SMITH of Van Buren, Senator: EDMONDS of Cumberland.

2 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** it is necessary that this legislation be enacted as
an emergency in order to allow citizens of this State to be able
to call contiguous communities without having to pay a toll for
8 those calls; and

10 **Whereas,** awaiting the 90 days after adjournment for this
legislation to take effect is a hardship to the citizens of this
12 State; and

14 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
16 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
18 safety; now, therefore,

20 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

22 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7308** is enacted to read:

24 **§7308. Toll-call rate for certain calls prohibited**

26 A telephone utility may not charge a toll-call rate for a
telephone call made between contiguous communities.

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30 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

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36 This bill prohibits a telephone utility from charging a
toll-call rate for a telephone call made between contiguous
communities.