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No. 90

## An Act to Create Broadband Internet Access in Rural Areas of the State

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec.1. 35-A MRSA §7508 is enacted to read:
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	<u>§7508. Broadband Internet access service</u>
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	To the extent permitted under federal law, the commission
8	shall by rule or order require telecommunications providers
	subject to commission jurisdiction to provide high-speed
10	broadband Internet access services to rural areas of the State
	that are comparable to those services provided in urban areas.
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	Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical
14	<u>rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.</u>
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20	This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to direct
20	telecommunications carriers subject to commission jurisdiction to provide broadband Internet access services to rural areas of the
22	State that are comparable to those services provided in urban areas.

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