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S.P. 164

In Senate, February 4, 2003

An Act To Preserve Competition in the Long-distance Telephone Market

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President DAGGETT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative BLISS of South Portland and
Senators: GAGNON of Kennebec, HALL of Lincoln, STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, GOODWIN of Pembroke.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7108** is enacted to read:

6 **§7108. Separation of marketing**

8 A telephone utility that provides both local exchange
10 service and interstate interexchange service may not market or
12 refer to its interstate interexchange service offerings when
14 marketing or arranging local exchange service to a customer. The
16 commission by rule shall establish standards of conduct governing
18 telephone utilities that provide both local exchange and
20 interstate interexchange service to ensure that employees
22 involved in the marketing of local exchange services are not
24 involved in the marketing of interstate interexchange services.
26 Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical
rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill ensures that employees of telephone utilities that
24 provide both local exchange and interstate interexchange service
26 who are involved in the marketing of local exchange services are
not involved in the marketing of interstate interexchange
services.