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**An Act To Provide Regulation of the Department of Corrections
Telephone System by the Public Utilities Commission**

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety 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 Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1403, sub-§12** is enacted to read:

3 **12. Telephone system.** The department shall manage a coordinated and efficient
4 telephone system for the use of departmental employees and in all locations managed or
5 operated by the department, subject to the oversight and regulation responsibilities of the
6 Public Utilities Commission as provided in Title 35-A, section 122. The commissioner
7 may implement this section by using equipment and services of the Department of
8 Administrative and Financial Services or by contracting for equipment and services.

9 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §122** is enacted to read:

10 **§122. Department of Corrections telephone system**

11 The commission shall oversee and regulate the telephone system of the Department
12 of Corrections for the use of departmental employees and in all locations managed or
13 operated by the department.

14 **1. Rules.** The commission may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules
15 adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5,
16 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

17 **2. Annual report.** As part of its oversight and regulation duties, the commission
18 shall provide a report by January 15th each year on the Department of Corrections
19 telephone system, including any recommendations for improvement, to the joint standing
20 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and corrections
21 matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
22 utilities matters.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill requires the Department of Corrections to manage a coordinated and
25 efficient telephone system, subject to oversight and regulation by the Public Utilities
26 Commission. The bill authorizes the department to use state equipment and services or to
27 contract for equipment and services. The bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to
28 oversee and regulate the Department of Corrections telephone system and requires annual
29 reports, with recommendations for improvement, to the joint standing committees of the
30 Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and corrections matters and utilities
31 matters.