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H.P. 249

House of Representatives, January 19, 2007

An Act To Increase the Availability of Cellular Telephone Service for Rural Residents

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative JACKSON of Allagash. Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: FISCHER of Presque Isle, PATRICK of Rumford, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

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

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

4 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

5 Administration - Economic and Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides funds in fiscal year 2007-08 and 2008-09 only for the Department of Economic and Community Development to enter into partnerships with private businesses to install cellular telephone towers in underserved rural areas where there is currently no signal or to place cellular telephone equipment on state-owned towers in areas that lack cellular telephone service.

11 12 GENERAL FUND

All Other

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2007-08 2008-09 \$125,000

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15 GENERAL FUND TOTAL

16 SUMMARY

This bill makes one-time General Fund appropriations of \$125,000 in each year of the 2008-2009 biennium for the Department of Economic and Community Development to enter into partnerships with private businesses to install cellular telephone towers in underserved rural areas where there is currently no signal or to place cellular telephone equipment on state-owned towers in areas that lack cellular telephone service.