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UTILITIES AND ENERGY

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 975, L.D. 1383, Bill, "An Act To Enhance Availability of Emergency Telephone Services"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Enhanced 9-1-1 access-only service. "Enhanced 9-1-1 access-only service" or "E-9-1-1 access-only service" means the provision of E-9-1-1 access to a residential telephone customer's premises when telephone service to the premises has been otherwise suspended or disconnected.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2935 is enacted to read:

§2935. E-9-1-1 access-only service

1. Provision of E-9-1-1 access-only service. It is the policy of this State that E-9-1-1 be broadly available where it is economically and technologically practical. The bureau shall, by rule, establish requirements for the provision of E-9-1-1 access-only service, including, but not limited to, the circumstances in which E-9-1-1 access-only service is and is not required and which telephone service providers are and are not subject to the requirements.

2. Rulemaking. The bureau shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. **Major substantive rulemaking; authority for legislation.** Major substantive rules provisionally adopted pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2935 must be submitted to the Legislature by January 15, 2008 for review by the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy during the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature. In the rulemaking, the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau shall, at a minimum, address the following issues:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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- 1           1. E-9-1-1 system and database issues raised by E-9-1-1 access-only service,  
2 including, but not limited to, safety, accuracy, reliability and reporting of changes to the  
3 E-9-1-1 database;
- 4           2. The liability of telephone service providers with respect to E-9-1-1 access-only  
5 service;
- 6           3. Notification to customers regarding E-9-1-1 access-only service;
- 7           4. The duration of E-9-1-1 access-only service requirements;
- 8           5. Exceptions to E-9-1-1 access-only service requirements; and
- 9           6. Definitions of relevant terms.

10           Following its review of the major substantive rules, the Joint Standing Committee on  
11 Utilities and Energy is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of  
12 the 123rd Legislature regarding E-9-1-1 access-only service.'

13   **SUMMARY**

14           This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires the Public Utilities  
15 Commission to establish, by major substantive rule, requirements for the provision of  
16 E-9-1-1 access to the premises of a residential telephone customer when telephone  
17 service to the premises has been otherwise suspended or disconnected. The rules must  
18 address, but are not limited to, the circumstances in which E-9-1-1 access-only service is  
19 and is not required and which telephone service providers are and are not subject to the  
20 requirements. The amendment requires the commission to submit provisionally adopted  
21 rules to the Legislature by January 15, 2008 and authorizes the Joint Standing Committee  
22 on Utilities and Energy to submit legislation regarding E-9-1-1 access-only service.

23   **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

24   **(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1383

LR 746(02)

**An Act To Enhance Availability of Emergency Telephone Services**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**

**Committee: Utilities and Energy**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs associated with this legislation can be absorbed by the Public Utilities Commission utilizing existing budgeted resources.