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An Act To Create Consistency in the Authority of the Public Utilities Commission To Provide Tariff Exemptions

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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Presented by Representative BLISS of South Portland. Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §116, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6,
 is amended to read:

B. For the purposes of this section, "intrastate gross operating revenues" means
intrastate revenues derived from filed rates and rates that are exempt from filing
requirements pursuant to rules adopted by the commission under section 307-A,
except revenues derived from sales for resale.

8 Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §7307, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 29, §1, is
 9 amended to read:

10 A. Filing a tariff revision with the commission identifying the new price or the 11 change in the terms or conditions of service <u>unless the utility is exempt from filing</u> 12 tariffs pursuant to rules adopted by the commission under section 307-A; and

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SUMMARY

The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 307-A allows the Public Utilities Commission to exempt certain telephone utilities from filing tariffs. This bill revises sections in the public utilities laws to make them compatible with the authority of the Public Utilities Commission to provide tariff exemptions under Title 35-A, section 307-A.