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House of Representatives, January 15, 2009

**An Act To Prohibit Telephone Line-item Charges Not Representing
Services Requested by the Customer or Required by Law**

Submitted by the Office of the Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative ADAMS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and
Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, DOSTIE of Sabattus, VAN WIE of New
Gloucester, WAGNER of Lyman.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7309** is enacted to read:

3 **§7309. Unlawful telephone line-item charges**

4 A telephone utility may not include any line-item charge in a bill to a customer except a
5 line-item charge that represents an actual service requested by the customer or a line-item
6 charge that is specifically authorized by federal or state law.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill prohibits a telephone utility from including line-item charges on telephone bills,
9 except those that represent actual services requested by a customer or that are specifically
10 required by federal or state law.