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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 26, 2009

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**An Act To Allow Municipalities To Offer Access to the Internet  
through Digital Subscriber Lines**

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Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.  
Cosponsored by Senator GOOLEY of Franklin and  
Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GILBERT of Jay, HANLEY of  
Gardiner, HARVELL of Farmington, McFADDEN of Dennysville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7109** is enacted to read:

3 **§7109. Digital subscriber lines**

4 If within a municipality there is an area that does not receive Internet or electronic  
5 communication or remote computation service and a person regulated under this chapter  
6 that services the municipality refuses to provide Internet or electronic communication or  
7 remote computation service to the area without service after being requested to do so by  
8 the municipality, the municipality may provide digital subscriber line service to the area  
9 without service through the municipality or a person other than the utility refusing to  
10 provide the service.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill allows a municipality to provide digital subscriber line service, or DSL  
13 service, through itself or a 3rd party to an area of the municipality that does not receive  
14 Internet service if the telecommunications utility servicing the municipality refuses to  
15 provide the service to the area.