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L.D. 790  
(Filing No. H-58)

**UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
124TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 541, L.D. 790, Bill, "An Act To Waive Public Utilities Commission Approval of Special Contracts When the Contracts Apply to Detariffed Rates or Terms"

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

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §703, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 254, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3-A. Special contracts. A public utility, subject to the commission's approval, may make a contract for a definite term for its product or service, but the published rates for the product or service may not be changed during the term of the contract without the commission's consent. If the commission grants to a telephone utility or a group of telephone utilities an exemption pursuant to section 307-A from the requirement to file rate schedules or terms and conditions, that telephone utility or group of telephone utilities is exempt from the requirements for commission approval and consent under this subsection to the same extent as the exemption granted by the commission pursuant to section 307-A.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies the language in the bill regarding the exemption from the requirement for Public Utilities Commission approval of special contracts for certain telephone utilities that are already exempted from the requirement to file rate schedules or terms and conditions.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



Approved: 04/02/09 *MAC*

# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 790

LR 534(02)

**An Act To Waive Public Utilities Commission Approval of Special Contracts When the Contracts Apply to Detariffed Rates or Terms**

**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 savings - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Public Utilities Commission will realize some minor savings due to the reduced number of filings and approvals.