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**An Act To Clarify That the Telephone Number 9-1-1 Is the Primary
Number Advertised or Promoted for Emergency Response Services**

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered
printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DION of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2932, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 651, §3, is amended
3 to read:

4 **1. Designated emergency telephone number.** The primary telephone number to be
5 used in a telephone exchange to request emergency services following the activation of
6 E-9-1-1 services for that exchange, including the number for telecommunications devices
7 for communication for the deaf, hard-of-hearing and speech-impaired, is 9-1-1. The
8 telephone number 9-1-1 must be the primary telephone number advertised or promoted
9 for emergency response services. The advertisement or promotion of the exclusive use of
10 a telephone number other than 9-1-1 for emergency response services is prohibited.

11 **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2932, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 651, §3, is amended
12 to read:

13 **2. Publishing of 9-1-1.** A publisher of a directory of Maine telephone numbers for
14 use by telephone subscribers in Maine must include in a conspicuous portion of the
15 directory:

16 ~~A. For any area within the directory in which E 9 1 1 has not been activated, the~~
17 ~~emergency numbers of the State Police and any sheriffs' departments that serve the~~
18 ~~area; and~~

19 ~~B. For any area within the directory in which E 9 1 1 has been activated, the~~ The
20 telephone number 9-1-1 as the primary telephone number to request emergency
21 services. The number "9-1-1" must be accompanied by words indicating it is
22 accessible by teletypewriter device, or TTY, such as "TTY/Voice." ~~A publisher is~~
23 ~~not required to update a directory following an activation of E 9 1 1 within the~~
24 ~~directory area until the next regular printing of the directory.~~

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill clarifies that the telephone number 9-1-1 is the primary number advertised
27 or promoted for emergency response services. The bill also eliminates certain outdated
28 language regarding the publication of the 9-1-1 number in telephone directories.