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An Act To Require Telephone Service Providers To Provide at No Cost to Customers Services Designed To Reduce the Number of So-called Robocalls and Automatically Dialed Telephone Calls

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DODGE of Belfast.
Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo and
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CUDDY of Winterport,
DOUDERA of Camden, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, MORIARTY of Cumberland, RISEMAN
of Harrison, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7105-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§7105-A. Automated telephone call reduction services**

4 Beginning January 1, 2022, a telephone utility that offers any service to subscribers in
5 the State designed to reduce the number of calls received by a subscriber that are made
6 using an automated telephone calling device or an artificial or prerecorded voice shall offer
7 the service free of cost to all subscribers in the State.

8 For the purposes of this section, "automated telephone calling device" has the same
9 meaning as in Title 10, section 1498, subsection 1, paragraph A.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 Beginning January 1, 2022, this bill requires telephone utilities that offer any service
12 to subscribers in the State designed to reduce the number of calls received by a subscriber
13 that are made using an automated telephone calling device or an artificial or prerecorded
14 voice to offer the service free of cost to all subscribers in the State.