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**An Act To Establish a Public Registry for Automated Telephone
Calls and So-called Robocalls**

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7110** is enacted to read:

3 **§7110. Automated telephone call registry**

4 **1. Required information.** Beginning January 1, 2022, a person, association,
5 corporation or other entity that for a commercial purpose makes telephone calls to
6 individuals in the State using an automated telephone calling device or an artificial or
7 prerecorded voice shall provide to the commission, on a form developed and made
8 available by the commission, the following information:

9 A. The name, primary physical address and primary Internet-based address or
10 addresses of the person, association, corporation or entity;

11 B. If the person, association, corporation or other entity has been subcontracted to
12 make such telephone calls to individuals in the State, the name, primary physical
13 address and primary Internet-based address or addresses of its contractor;

14 C. A statement describing the specific commercial purpose or purposes for which the
15 person, association, corporation or entity intends to make telephone calls to individuals
16 in the State; and

17 D. Any other information required by the commission.

18 As used in this subsection, "automated telephone calling device" has the same meaning as
19 in Title 10, section 1498, subsection 1, paragraph A.

20 **2. Registry.** Using the information provided pursuant to subsection 1, the commission
21 shall establish and maintain a publicly accessible automated telephone call registry.

22 **3. Enforcement; rules.** The commission shall enforce this section and may adopt
23 rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine
24 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

25 **4. Violations.** Notwithstanding section 1508-A, a person, association, corporation or
26 other entity that violates this section is subject to a civil penalty, payable to the State, of
27 \$100 for each day of that violation. The penalty is recoverable in a civil action.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 Beginning January 1, 2022, this bill requires a person, association, corporation or other
30 entity that for a commercial purpose makes telephone calls to individuals in the State using
31 an automated telephone calling device or an artificial or prerecorded voice to provide to
32 the Public Utilities Commission information regarding that person, association, corporation
33 or entity and the purposes for which the calls are made. The Public Utilities Commission
34 is required to establish a registry using the information received.