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In Senate, January 29, 2024

**An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Wireless Communications
by Allowing the Public Utilities Commission to Designate Eligible
Telecommunications Carriers**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York.
Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York,
STEWART of Aroostook, Representative: FOSTER of Dexter.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7104, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

3 **10. Designation of eligible service providers.** The commission may designate any
4 commercial mobile service provider or telecommunications company as an eligible
5 telecommunications carrier for purposes of receiving federal universal service support and
6 offering services supported by federal universal service support mechanisms, in addition
7 to any commercial mobile service provider or telecommunications company designated as
8 an eligible telecommunications carrier pursuant to 47 United States Code, Sections
9 214(e)(1) and 214(e)(2) and 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 54.201. The
10 commission may adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill allows the Public Utilities Commission to designate any commercial mobile
13 service provider or telecommunications company as an eligible telecommunications carrier
14 for the limited purposes of receiving federal universal service support and offering services
15 supported by federal universal service support mechanisms.