

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**H. P. No. 1143**

**H. D. No. 361**

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House of Representatives, March 11, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Mitchell of Newfield.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT to Prevent Discrimination by Telephone Companies  
Furnishing its Instrumentalities to Other Telephone Companies.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any telephone company  
2 which furnishes telephone service in Maine, and which  
3 transmits over its own lines toll messages which have origi-  
4 nated upon the lines of other telephone companies in the  
5 state, to charge, demand, collect or receive, directly or in-  
6 directly, a greater compensation, remuneration, or recom-  
7 pense for the use of receivers, transmitters, induction coils,  
8 by it furnished directly or indirectly, to such other tele-  
9 phone companies, than the lowest price, compensation, re-

10 muneratation or recompense which on the first day of January,  
11 nineteen hundred and twenty-five, it charged or received  
12 from other telephone companies in this state for similar  
13 instrumentalities by it likewise furnished.

Sect. 2. It shall be unlawful for any telephone company  
2 which furnishes telephone service in Maine, and which sells  
3 or furnishes materials or telephone equipment to other tele-  
4 phone companies doing business in this state, to discriminate  
5 in price or otherwise between different telephone companies,  
6 either directly or indirectly.

Sect. 3. It shall be the duty of each and every telephone  
2 company doing business in the state of Maine, to file or  
3 cause to be filed with the public utilities commission, a  
4 copy of all contracts and agreements existing between it and  
5 any other telephone company doing business in the state,  
6 with reference to the possession, maintenance, control and  
7 use of telephone instruments and telephone instrumentalities  
8 leased or furnished by the one to the other, and also with  
9 relation to the division between such companies as their  
10 respective parts thereof, of the charges for messages inter-  
11 changed between the same.

Sect. 4. All telephone companies doing business in the  
2 state of Maine, which acts as principal, factor or agent,  
3 shall, when requested by the public utilities commission, file  
4 with it a statement of its price and charges for material  
5 which enter into the construction and maintenance of tele-  
6 phone systems, which have been furnished by them to other

7 telephone companies doing business in the state of Maine.

Sect. 5. If any telephone company shall wilfully violate  
2 any provision of this act, it shall forfeit and pay into the  
3 state treasury not more than one thousand dollars for each  
4 offence, to be recovered in an action on the case in the name  
5 of the state.