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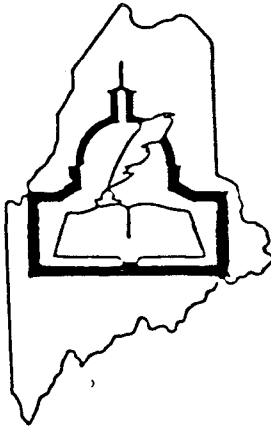
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BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 1320 AN ACT TO PROVIDE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE LINES
EMERGENCY FOR COMMUNITY EMERGENCY NONPROFIT SERVICES
ND:

GILL
BALDACCI
NELSON

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

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SUMMARY: The bill requires certain emergency services to provide toll-free incoming telephone lines, under flat rates to be established by PUC at the marginal cost of that service. The qualifying emergency services are: fire, police, emergency rescue, hospital emergency room, and licensed regional emergency mental health services.

LD: 1321 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION TO ACT ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS IN
ND: CERTAIN CASES

BALDACCI
MCHENRY
CLARK H
WEYMOUTH

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 321

S-142 CA H S

SUMMARY: The bill allows the PUC to issue temporary orders in cases involving 10-party complaints (35 MRSA §291); PUC-initiated investigations (§296); or rate adjustments (§298) (not regular rate cases). If a hearing is not held before the order, one shall be held within 60 days.

The committee amendment (S-142) is a new draft. Present law requires PUC to hold a formal hearing before it can issue an order in certain cases. The amendment authorizes them to issue a temporary order in special circumstances pending completion of a formal proceeding. It also allows the PUC to establish an accelerated procedure to determine whether a temporary order should be issued.