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An Act To Repeal or Clean Up Outdated Telecommunications Statutes

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham. Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7101-B, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 101, §1, is repealed.
4 5	Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §7101-B, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 259, §1, is repealed.
6	Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §7101-B, sub-§4 is enacted to read:
7 8 9 10	4. Access rates. The commission shall ensure that intrastate access rates are equal to interstate access rates established by the Federal Communications Commission. The commission may adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.
11	Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §7303, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is repealed.
12 13	Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §7304, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 54, §1 and affected by §2, is repealed.
14	Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §7307, as amended by PL 2007, c. 478, §2, is repealed.
15	Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §7308, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 511, §1, is repealed.
16	SUMMARY
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	This bill updates the law regarding interstate and intrastate telecommunications access rates. The bill also repeals obsolete provisions of law requiring persons providing intrastate interexchange service to reduce their intrastate long-distance rates in the absence of effective competition, prohibiting mandatory local measured telephone service, prohibiting the Public Utilities Commission from requiring a local exchange carrier to consider competitive bids on the construction of an interexchange facility, prohibiting a telephone utility offering intrastate toll service from increasing prices without filing a tariff revision with the commission and providing subscribers written notice and prohibiting a provider of prepaid calling service from increasing rates on
26 27	already purchased service and requiring notice to prepaid calling service consumers about differences between in-state and interstate service rates.