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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 129, L.D. 147, Bill, “An Act To Extend Internet Availability in Rural Maine”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation authorizes the use of funds in the telecommunications education access fund to support mobile Internet access technology; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order for this funding to be available as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7104-B, sub-§4, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 409, §2, is amended to read:

B. Internet access, including mobile Internet access through a portable wireless access point, or hotspot, that provides Internet access over a cellular network;

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §7104-B, sub-§5, ¶G, as amended by PL 2001, c. 522, §2, is further amended to read:

G. To provide for the establishment of computer technology training programs in schools to provide training to students in areas such as, but not limited to, electronic commerce, Internet proficiency and World Wide Web-enabled systems; ~~and~~

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

