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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 233, L.D. 339, Bill, “An Act To Clarify That the Telephone Number 9-1-1 Is the Primary Number Advertised or Promoted for Emergency Response Services ”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Clarify That the Telephone Number 9-1-1 Is the Only Number Advertised or Promoted for Emergency Response Services '

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2932, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 651, §3, is amended to read:

1. Designated emergency telephone number. The primary telephone number to be used in a telephone exchange to request emergency services following the activation of E-9-1-1 services for that exchange, including the number for telecommunications devices for communication for the deaf, hard-of-hearing and speech-impaired, is 9-1-1. A person may not advertise or promote for emergency response services any telephone number other than 9-1-1.'

Amend the bill by adding after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2932, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 651, §3, is amended to read:

5. Penalty. ~~Violation~~ A violation of subsection 1 or 3 is a civil offense for which a forfeiture of up to \$500 may be adjudged. A forfeiture may not be imposed under this subsection unless the person alleged to have violated subsection 1 received notification from the bureau director that the person’s promotion or advertisement of a number other than 9-1-1 for emergency response services is, in the opinion of the bureau director, a violation of subsection 1 or the person alleged to have violated subsection 3 received notification from the bureau director that the person's commercial use of the number 9-1-1 is, in the opinion of the bureau director, a violation of subsection 3 ~~and the~~. A person has been alleged to have violated either subsection 1 or 3 must be provided an

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1 opportunity to respond to ~~that~~ a notification of violation prior to the filing of an action
2 pursuant to this subsection.'

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment provides that a person is prohibited from advertising or promoting
5 for emergency response services any telephone number other than 9-1-1. The amendment
6 also provides a process for the imposition of a penalty for a person that uses a number
7 other than 9-1-1 to advertise or promote emergency response services.

8 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

9 **(See attached)**