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## **An Act To Require High-speed Internet Access for All Maine Residents**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRS §7102, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. High-speed Internet access.** “High-speed Internet access” means a connection to the Internet that provides a data transmission speed of more than 200 kilobits per second from the Internet to a user’s computer or from the user’s computer to the Internet or in both directions.

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRS §7109** is enacted to read:

### **§ 7109. High-speed Internet access**

A telephone utility shall provide high-speed Internet access to any Maine resident upon request, except that a telephone utility is not required to provide high-speed Internet access to a resident of an unorganized territory.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires telephone utilities operating in Maine to provide high-speed Internet access to any Maine resident who requests it, except for residents of unorganized territories.