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

**'Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 3:
Provision of Enhanced E-9-1-1 Access-only Service, a
Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission'**

Amend the resolve by striking out all of the emergency preamble (page 1, lines 1 to 13 in L.D.)

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the first line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
"of portions"

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
"authorized." and inserting the following: 'authorized only if that portion of the rule designated Section 3(A)(1) is amended to provide that if a residential customer is subject to an involuntary disconnection, the local exchange carrier is required to provide soft dialtone to the telephone line of the customer for no less than 90 days following the date on which the line was involuntarily disconnected; and be it further'

Amend the resolve by adding after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2 Review; authority for legislation. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall examine the first year of experience under the commission's rule, Chapter 3, Provision of Enhanced E-9-1-1 Access-only Service, as adopted pursuant to section 1, with particular attention to the duration of the soft dialtone requirement. No later than December 31, 2009, the commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the legislature having jurisdiction over utilities matters. The report must address the duration of the soft dialtone requirement. Following its review of the report, the committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature regarding enhanced E-9-1-1 access-only service; and be it further

Sec. 3 Effective date. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, final adoption of Chapter 3, Provision of Enhanced E-9-1-1 Access-only Service pursuant to section 1 takes effect October 1, 2008.'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of the emergency clause.

SUMMARY

This amendment authorizes the final adoption of Chapter 3, Provision of Enhanced E-9-1-1 Access-only Service, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Public Utilities Commission, as long as the rule is amended to change the duration of the soft dialtone requirement from one year to 90 days. The amendment also establishes an October 1, 2008 effective date for the rule. Finally, the amendment directs the Public Utilities Commission to examine and report on the first year of experience under the rule, with particular attention to the duration of the soft dialtone requirement. Following a review of the commission's report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)