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

**'An Act To Permit the University of Maine System To
Install Lines on Utility Facilities in Public Rights-of-way'**

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 (page 1, lines 11 to 39 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §2301-A** is enacted to read:

§ 2301-A. University of Maine System may install lines on existing facilities

The University of Maine System may install wires or lines on existing utility facilities located within or along a public right-of-way for the purpose of transmitting data and communications between and among University of Maine System facilities and partnering entities, wherever located, subject to the conditions and restrictions provided in this chapter and chapter 25. For purposes of this section, "lines" does not include utility poles and "partnering entities" means organizations, wherever located, authorized to use the university's regional optical network for education and research institutions or other university data and communications systems.'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 2 in the 2nd line from the end (page 2, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2301" and inserting the following: '2301-A'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment strikes the provision of the bill regarding attachment of traffic control devices to utility facilities in or on a public right-of-way. The amendment changes the provision of the bill relating to the University of Maine System to specify that the authority granted to the university system is limited to the installation of lines or wires on existing utility facilities located in public rights-of-way.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)