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An Act To Increase Transparency on Cable and Internet and Other Communications Services Price Increases

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and
Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York, MAXMIN of Lincoln, VITELLI
of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CUDDY of Winterport, DOUDERA
of Camden, WOOD of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7102, sub-§1-C** is enacted to read:

3 **1-C. Communications service.** "Communications service" has the same meaning as
4 in section 9202, subsection 3.

5 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §7110** is enacted to read:

6 **§7110. Rate increases**

7 A provider of communications service in the State shall notify all affected customers
8 of a rate increase, including identifying the reason for the rate increase, within a reasonable
9 time prior to the rate increase. The commission shall adopt routine technical rules, as
10 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, to carry out the purposes of this section.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires providers of communications services, including any wireline voice,
13 satellite, data, fixed wireless data or video retail service, to notify affected customers of a
14 rate increase and the reason for the rate increase, within a reasonable time prior to the rate
15 increase.