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PROPOSED COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Rep. McCrea

Committee Amendment “ “ to LD 80, An Act To Provide Communications for Family Farms, Businesses and Residences by Strategic Public Investment in Highspeed Internet and Broadband Infrastructure

NEW TITLE: An Act To Provide Critical Communications for Rural Family Farms, Businesses and Residences by Strategic Public Investment in Broadband Internet

Amend the bill in Secs. 3 and 4 as follows: *(changes in red italics)*

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §1951-C, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Application of tax revenue. All sales and use tax revenue collected by the State Tax Assessor pursuant to this Part from marketplace facilitators, with respect to marketplace-facilitated sales, must be deposited into the General Fund, except that, on or before the last day of each month, the State Controller shall transfer to the ConnectMaine Authority, established under Title 35-A, section 9203, the following amount, to be used to further deployment of high-speed Internet and broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved areas of the State: 33% of sales and use tax revenue received from marketplace facilitators, with respect to marketplace-facilitated sales, during the previous month after making the required transfers to the Local Government Fund as described by Title 30-A, section 5681, to the Multimodal Transportation Fund as described by Title 23, section 4210-B, subsection 7-A and to the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund as described by Title 5, section 13090-K, subsection 2.

Beginning in 2022, the ConnectMaine Authority shall make a report by January 15 annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy, utilities and technology matters identifying how the money transferred to the Authority pursuant to this subsection is used and indicating the extent to which the goals of state connectivity, as described in Title 35-A, section 9403, have been achieved.

This subsection is repealed June 30, 2031

Sec. 4. Application. This Act applies to sales occurring on or after June 1, ~~2021~~ 2022.

Summary

This amendment changes the date for application of the bill from June 1, 2021 to June 1, 2022. The amendment also changes the title of the bill, provides for automatic repeal of the transfer of certain sales tax revenue to the ConnectMaine Authority on June 30, 2031 and requires an annual report by the ConnectMaine Authority regarding the use of funds transferred to the Authority pursuant to the bill and the extent to which the goals of state connectivity, as described in Title 35-A, section 9403, have been achieved.