

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN

H.P. 1076 - L.D. 1585

**An Act To Improve Services for Persons Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
by Updating the Laws Governing Qualifications for Certain Members of the
Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §8704, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2013, c. 40, §1, is further amended to read:

E. Eight members appointed by the Governor as follows:

- (1) One member from the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf;
- (2) One member from a statewide association for the deaf;
- (3) One member from a ~~center on deafness~~ disability rights organization in this State;
- (4) One member from the largest incumbent local exchange carrier providing telecommunications relay service in this State;
- (5) One member of a telephone association in this State, except that the representative under this subparagraph may not be a representative of the carrier under subparagraph (4);
- (6) Two members from the general public who use telecommunications devices for the deaf ~~as a primary means of~~ that operate in connection with telecommunications relay services as their primary means of telecommunications; and
- (7) One member representing an ~~Internet telecommunications relay service provider a company~~ that provides service to customers in this State telecommunications relay services through the Internet, wireless telecommunications or cable telecommunications.