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Proposed amendment, Rep. Dodge

Amend the bill title as follows:

~~“An Act To Require Telephone Service Providers To Provide at No Cost to Customers~~
Regarding Services Designed To Reduce the Number of So-called Robocalls and Automatically
Dialed Telephone Calls”

Amend the bill in section 1 as follows (additions and deletions shaded):

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7105-A is enacted to read:

§7105-A. Automated telephone call reduction services

Beginning January 1, 2022, a telephone utility that offers any service to subscribers in the State designed to reduce the number of calls received by a subscriber that are made using an automated telephone calling device or an artificial or prerecorded voice shall inform each subscriber as to the nature and cost of any such service offered and describe how the subscriber may elect to enroll in or take advantage of such service. A telephone utility must offer the any such service free of at a reasonably affordable cost to all subscribers in the State.

For the purposes of this section, "automated telephone calling device" has the same meaning as in Title 10, section 1498, subsection 1, paragraph A.

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the title of the bill and clarifies that a telephone utility must inform each subscriber as to the nature and cost of any such service offered that is designed to reduce the number of calls received by a subscriber that are made using an automated telephone calling device or an artificial or prerecorded voice and describe how the subscriber may elect to enroll in or take advantage of such service. The amendment also provides that a telephone utility must offer any such service at a reasonably affordable cost to all subscribers in the State.