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SENATE DRS75202-LM-105 (03/01)

Short Title: Amend Telecommunications Statutes.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hoyle.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS STATUTES TO
REFLECT THE CHANGING COMPETITIVE MARKETPLACE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 62-133.5 reads as rewritten:

"§ **62-133.5. Alternative regulation, tariffing, and deregulation of
telecommunications utilities.**

...

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 62-140, or any Commission rule or
~~regulation, regulations:~~ (i) the Commission shall permit a local exchange company or a
competing local provider to offer competitive services with flexible pricing
arrangements to business customers pursuant to contract and shall permit other flexible
pricing options. ~~Local options; and (ii) local~~ exchange companies and competing local
providers shall be required to give the Commission one business day's notice but need
not seek Commission approval for any promotion or bundled service offering for
residence or business ~~customers involving both regulated and nonregulated services that
feature price discounts that apply exclusively to services not regulated by the
Commission.~~ customers. Furthermore, local exchange companies and competing local
providers may offer special promotions and bundles of new or existing service or
products without the obligation to identify or convert existing customers who subscribe
to the same or similar services or products. The Commission's complaint authority
under G.S. 62-73 and subsection (e) of this section is applicable to any promotion or
bundled service offering filed or offered under this subsection.

(f1) Local exchange companies or competing local providers shall only be
required to adhere to billing for retail communications services in compliance with the
federal truth-in-billing regulations prescribed by the Federal Communications
Commission.

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2 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 62-110(d) is repealed.

3 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.