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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 58‑9‑215 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER DOING BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, WHICH CHARGES A FEE IN EXCHANGE FOR A LIMITED INCREMENT OF DATA SERVICE PURSUANT TO A MULTI‑MONTH SERVICE CONTRACT EXECUTED IN THIS STATE, SHALL CARRY FORWARD AT NO ADDITIONAL EXPENSE TO THE CUSTOMER, A CUSTOMER’S CUMULATIVE UNUSED DATA BALANCE FROM ONE MONTHLY BILLING CYCLE TO THE MONTHLY BILLING CYCLE NEXT SUCCEEDING.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 3, Chapter 9, Title 58 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 58‑9‑215. Notwithstanding another provision of law, a communications service provider doing business in this State, which charges a fee in exchange for a limited increment of data service pursuant to a multi‑month service contract executed in this State, shall carry forward at no additional expense to the customer, a customer’s cumulative unused data balance from one monthly billing cycle to the monthly billing cycle next succeeding.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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