

## Session 115 - (2003-2004)

**H\*3344 (Rat #0011, Act #0006 of 2003) General Bill, By Cato, Kirsh, Jennings, Battle, Harvin, J.E. Smith, Sheheen, Trotter, Bingham, Chellis, Edge, Hamilton, Harrell, Harrison, Kennedy, Quinn, Richardson, Rutherford, Sandifer, Scarborough, W.D. Smith, Young, Barfield, Breeland, J. Brown, Clyburn, Cotty, Haskins, Huggins, Lourie, Merrill, Perry, Rice, Simrill, Taylor, Umphlett, Witherspoon, Bales, Lloyd, McCraw, Tripp, Walker, Thompson, Limehouse, Hagood, Toole, Hinson, Loftis, Weeks, Clemmons, Owens and McLeod**

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**Summary:** Broadband service exempted from regulation by the public service commission

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTINENT TO THE REGULATION OF TELEPHONE COMPANIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR "BROADBAND SERVICE"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-280, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING A TELEPHONE COMPANY TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, SO AS TO EXEMPT BROADBAND SERVICE FROM REGULATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR FACILITIES USED BY RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES FOR THE PROVISION OF BROADBAND SERVICE, TO CLARIFY THAT THIS ACT DOES NOT AFFECT THE COMMISSION'S AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO SERVICES OTHER THAN BROADBAND SERVICE AND DOES NOT RELIEVE AN INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER OF ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER FEDERAL LAW TO PROVIDE NEW LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS WITH UNBUNDLED ACCESS TO NETWORK ELEMENTS OR INTERCONNECTION, TO SPECIFY INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSION MUST COMPILE IN ORDER TO MONITOR THE STATUS OF LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPETITION IN THE STATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ACT DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE COMMISSION FROM ASSESSING BROADBAND SERVICE REVENUES FOR PURPOSES OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE USF. - ratified title

01/16/03	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-237
01/16/03	House	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-237
01/28/03	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Thompson, Limehouse
01/28/03	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Wilkins
01/29/03	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hagood
01/29/03	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-34
01/30/03	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Toole, Hinson, Loftis, Weeks
02/04/03	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Clemmons, Owens, McLeod
02/04/03	House	Amended HJ-24
02/04/03	House	Read second time HJ-26
02/05/03	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-15
02/05/03		Scrivener's error corrected
02/05/03	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-11
02/05/03	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-11
02/26/03	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary SJ-23
02/27/03	Senate	Amended SJ-18
02/27/03	Senate	Read second time SJ-18
03/04/03	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-19
03/05/03	House	Debate adjourned HJ-20
03/06/03	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-18
03/06/03		Ratified R 11
03/12/03		Signed By Governor
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