

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003
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As Engrossed: H4/7/03

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2435

5 By: Representative *Lamoureux*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
10 REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 1997; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS
14 TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY REFORM ACT
15 OF 1997.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-17-404(e)(4)(D)(vi) is amended to read*
22 *as follows:*

23 *(vi)(a) The commission is authorized to implement,*
24 *following July 1, 2003, a phase-in reduction of intrastate Carrier Common*
25 *Line Pool charges until each carrier's charges are equivalent to the*
26 *carrier's interstate Carrier Common Line charges, including all other federal*
27 *common line recovery mechanisms such as subscriber line charges,*
28 *presubscribed interexchange carrier charges, and long-term support.*

29 *(b) Any reduction of intrastate Carrier Common*
30 *Line Pool charges of incumbent local exchange carriers ordered by the*
31 *commission shall provide for concurrent recovery of the revenue loss from the*
32 *AUSF, basic local exchange rates, or a combination ~~thereof;~~ thereof.*

33 *(c)(1) Any company may voluntarily elect not*
34 *to participate in the Arkansas Intrastate Carrier Common Line Pool.*

35 *(2) For any company electing not to*
36 *participate in the Arkansas Intrastate Carrier Common Line Pool, the*



1 intrastate carrier common line rate may be adjusted as part of a general rate
2 application before the commission.

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4 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
5 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that telephone rates have increased
6 for Arkansas residents; that allowing telecommunications providers to
7 terminate participation in the Arkansas Intrastate Carrier Common Line Pool,
8 and allowing the Arkansas Public Service Commission to adjust the intrastate
9 carrier common line rate charged by telecommunications providers as part of a
10 general rate application will promote lower telephone rates for Arkansas
11 residents and will encourage economic development; that this act is
12 immediately necessary to implement the administrative changes necessary to
13 allow providers to terminate participation in the pool and to allow the
14 adjustment of the intrastate carrier common line rate; and that any delay in
15 the effective date of this act could create an undue burden upon Arkansas
16 citizens and could work irreparable harm upon the efficient provision of
17 telecommunications services throughout Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency is
18 declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the
19 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
20 on:

21 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

22 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
23 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
24 bill; or

25 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
26 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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28 /s/ Lamoureux
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