

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.

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As Engrossed: H4/3/03
A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2441

5 By: Representative Stovall
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
10 REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 1997 TO PROMOTE THE
11 PROPER APPLICATION OF ACCESS CHARGES; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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14 **Subtitle**

15 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
16 REGULATORY REFORM ACT.
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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 Title 23, Chapter 17, Subchapter 4 is amended*
22 *to add a new section to read as follows:*

23 *23-17-414. Reporting of originating intrastate interexchange telephone*
24 *numbers.*

25 *(a) Where technically feasible, any telecommunications provider whose*
26 *customer originates or forwards an intrastate interexchange message to be*
27 *terminated over the public switched telecommunications network in Arkansas*
28 *shall transmit the jurisdictionally appropriate telephone number of the*
29 *originating party sending the message to the terminating telecommunications*
30 *provider.*

31 *(b)(1) The Arkansas Public Service Commission shall investigate*
32 *complaints alleging violations of this section filed under § 23-3-119 and may*
33 *obtain sufficient information to determine the correct jurisdiction of any*
34 *message associated with alleged violations of this section.*

35 *(2) If the commission determines that the jurisdictionally*
36 *appropriate telephone number has not been transmitted as required by this*



1 section, the telecommunications provider against whom the complaint was filed
2 shall demonstrate that it had a legitimate business purpose for not
3 transmitting the jurisdictionally appropriate telephone number or that it was
4 technically infeasible to for the provider to transmit the number.

5 (c)(1) If the commission determines that a telecommunications provider
6 has violated this section, the commission shall determine the amount of
7 underpayment to any telecommunications provider as a result of the violation,
8 and shall order the violating telecommunications provider to make payment
9 under the applicable tariff or interconnection agreement, including any
10 penalties specified therein.

11 (2) If no penalties are specified under either the applicable
12 tariffs or interconnection agreements, the commission may assess a fine
13 against the violating telecommunications provider and may take any other
14 action consistent with state law that it deems necessary.

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17 /s/ Stovall
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