

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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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2441

5 By: Representative Stovall
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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.

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 shall assess a civil
13 sanction against the violating telecommunications provider consistent with
14 state law.

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16 /s/ Stovall
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