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A Bill

SENATE BILL 948

5 By: Senator J. Woods
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT REGARDING THE ADVERTISING AND PROVISION OF
10 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 REGARDING THE ADVERTISING AND PROVISION
15 OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-17-403, concerning definitions used in
21 the Telecommunications Regulatory Reform Act of 1997, is amended to add
22 additional subdivisions to read as follows:

23 (55) "Interconnected VoIP service" has the meaning defined by 47
24 C.F.R. 9.3, as it existed on January 1, 2013; and

25 (56) "Interconnected Protocol enabled service" means a service,
26 capability, functionality, or application that uses Internet Protocol or a
27 successor protocol to allow an end user to send or receive a data, video, or
28 voice communication in Internet Protocol or a successor protocol.
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30 SECTION 2. Effective July 1, 2013, Arkansas Code § 23-17-411(f),
31 concerning regulatory reform measures, is amended to add an additional
32 subdivision to read as follows:

33 (3) If an electing company that is authorized under § 23-17-
34 407(d) to determine the rates for basic local exchange service and switched-
35 access services under § 23-17-408(c), a competing local exchange carrier, or
36 an interexchange carrier posts on a publicly accessible Internet website its



1 generally available prices and terms of service for telecommunications
 2 services, the electing company, competing local exchange carrier, or
 3 interexchange carrier is not required to file or maintain with the commission
 4 any tariff or price list setting forth the rates, rentals, charges,
 5 privileges, facilities, rules, regulations, or forms of contract for
 6 telecommunications services.

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 8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 23-17-411(g), concerning regulatory reform
 9 measures, is amended to read as follows:

10 (g)(1) The commission, ~~except as provided in this subchapter with~~
 11 ~~respect to universal services, shall have no~~ does not have jurisdiction to
 12 regulate;

13 (A) ~~commercial~~ Commercial mobile services or commercial
 14 mobile service providers;

15 (B) Voice over Internet Protocol services or other
 16 Internet Protocol enabled services; or

17 (C) Voice over Internet Protocol providers or providers of
 18 other Internet Protocol enabled services.

19 (2) This subsection (g) does not apply to:

20 (A) The provisions of this subchapter concerning universal
 21 services;

22 (B) An entity's obligations under sections 251 and 252 of
 23 the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 151 et seq.; or

24 (C) A right granted to an entity by sections 251 and 252
 25 of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 151 et seq.

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 27 /s/J. Woods
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