
SENATE BILL 5470

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By Senator McCaslin

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Telecommunications & Utilities.

1 AN ACT Relating to telecommunications companies; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 80.36 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 80.36 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Every telecommunications company registered in this state that
7 provides billing services for telecommunications services provided by
8 another company shall:

9 (a) Clearly indicate in any billing statement any amounts that are
10 disputed between the customer and any of the companies for which
11 billing is provided;

12 (b) Be prohibited from disclosing to a credit reporting bureau any
13 amounts that are in dispute between the customer and any of the
14 companies for which billing is provided; and

15 (c) Only provide billing services for companies providing
16 telecommunications services that can be contacted on billing inquiries
17 by a toll-free number for at least twelve hours each day, excluding
18 holidays.

1 (2) The commission may adopt additional rules regulating billing
2 for telecommunications services.

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