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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting charges for long-distance
2 telecommunications services after the local exchange telecommunications
3 service has been canceled; and adding a new section to chapter 80.36
4 RCW.

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

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

8 (1) No telecommunications company may charge a customer any fees
9 related to the provision of long-distance telecommunications services
10 associated with a local exchange telephone number after the customer
11 has canceled local exchange service for that telephone number.

12 (2) It shall be a complete defense to payment of any charge or fee
13 related to the provision of long-distance telecommunications services
14 associated with a local exchange telephone number that the customer had
15 canceled local exchange service for that telephone number.

16 (3) Upon the cancellation of local exchange telephone service
17 associated with a particular telephone number for any reason, including
18 the transfer of service to a new telephone number, a local exchange
19 telecommunications company shall notify the customer that it is not

1 legally responsible for notifying the customer's long-distance
2 telecommunications company that the local exchange service has been
3 canceled or transferred. The commission may prescribe the form and
4 content of the notice in rule.

5 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a local
6 exchange telecommunications company from notifying a customer's long-
7 distance telecommunications company that local exchange service has
8 been canceled or transferred to another telephone number.

9 (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a long-
10 distance telecommunications company from charging a reasonable fee to
11 cancel or transfer long-distance service to a new telephone number.

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