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By Senators Sutherland, Hochstatter and A. Smith; by request of
Utilities & Transportation Commission

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1 AN ACT Relating to alternate operator service companies; and
2 amending RCW 80.36.522.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 80.36.522 and 1990 c 247 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) All alternate operator service companies providing services
7 within the state shall register with the commission as a
8 telecommunications company before providing alternate operator
9 services. The commission may deny an application for registration of
10 an alternate operator services company if, after a hearing, it finds
11 that the services ~~((and))~~ or charges to be offered by the company are
12 not for the public convenience and advantage.

13 (2) The commission may suspend the registration of an alternate
14 operator services company if, after a hearing, it finds that the
15 company does not meet the service or disclosure requirements of the
16 commission or that its charges are not for the public convenience and
17 advantage.

18 (3) In a complaint filed by the commission alleging that an
19 alternate operator services company's rates for alternate operator

1 services are not for the public convenience and advantage, the burden
2 shall be on the alternate operator services company to demonstrate that
3 its rates are for the public convenience and advantage.

4 (4) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section do not apply to
5 telecommunications companies providing operator services to the public
6 under tariffs on file with the commission as of January 1, 1987.
7 Alternate operator service companies first filing rates with the
8 commission after January 1, 1987, are exempt from the requirement of
9 RCW 80.36.090 that they provide alternate operator services to the
10 public.

11 ~~((Any))~~ (5) An alternate operator services company that provides
12 service without being properly registered with the commission shall be
13 subject to a penalty of not less than five hundred dollars and not more
14 than one thousand dollars for each and every offense. In case of a
15 continuing offense, every day's continuance shall be a separate
16 offense. The penalty shall be recovered in an action as provided in
17 RCW 80.04.400.

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