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1 AN ACT Relating to internet protocol services; 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) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Voice over internet protocol service" means a service that:

8 (i) Enables real time, two-way voice communications that originate
9 or terminate from a user's location using internet protocol or a
10 successor protocol, including any such service that permits a user to
11 receive calls from the public switched telephone network and terminate
12 calls to the public switched telephone network; and

13 (ii) Uses a broadband connection from the user's location.

14 (b) "Internet protocol-enabled service" means a service,
15 capability, functionality, or application that is provided using
16 internet protocol or a successor protocol to enable an end user to send
17 or receive data, video, or voice communications in internet protocol
18 format or a successor format.

1 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a department,
2 agency, commission, or political subdivision of this state may not
3 enact or enforce, either directly or indirectly, any law, rule,
4 regulation, standard, order, or other provision having the force or
5 effect of law that regulates, or has the effect of regulating:

6 (a) The rates of voice over internet protocol service or internet
7 protocol-enabled service;

8 (b) The terms and conditions of service of voice over internet
9 protocol service or internet protocol-enabled service; or

10 (c) The entry into the market of voice over internet protocol
11 service or internet protocol-enabled service.

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