

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 680

Short Title: Amend Telecommunications Statutes. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Hoyle; Albertson, Hunt, and Swindell.

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Referred to: Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS STATUTES TO  
3 REFLECT THE CHANGING COMPETITIVE MARKETPLACE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 62-133.5 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 62-133.5. Alternative regulation, tariffing, and deregulation of  
7 telecommunications utilities.

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9 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 62-140, or any Commission rule or  
10 ~~regulation, regulations:~~ (i) the Commission shall permit a local exchange company or a  
11 competing local provider to offer competitive services with flexible pricing  
12 arrangements to business customers pursuant to contract and shall permit other flexible  
13 pricing options. ~~Local options;~~ and (ii) local exchange companies and competing local  
14 providers shall be required to give the Commission one business day's notice but need  
15 not seek Commission approval for any promotion or bundled service offering for  
16 residence or business customers involving both regulated and nonregulated services that  
17 ~~feature price discounts that apply exclusively to services not regulated by the~~  
18 ~~Commission.~~ customers. Furthermore, local exchange companies and competing local  
19 providers may offer special promotions and bundles of new or existing service or  
20 products without the obligation to identify or convert existing customers who subscribe  
21 to the same or similar services or products. The Commission's complaint authority  
22 under G.S. 62-73 and subsection (e) of this section is applicable to any promotion or  
23 bundled service offering filed or offered under this subsection.

24 (f1) Local exchange companies or competing local providers shall only be  
25 required to adhere to billing for retail communications services in compliance with the  
26 federal truth-in-billing regulations prescribed by the Federal Communications  
27 Commission.

28 ...."

29 SECTION 2. G.S. 62-110(d) is repealed.

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**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.