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House Bill 277 Sectional Analysis

“An Act relating to the regulation of broadband Internet; and making certain actions by broadband Internet service providers unlawful acts or practices under the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act.”

Please note that this summary should not be considered a comprehensive or authoritative interpretation of the bill, and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1: Adds a new Internet neutrality section to AS 42.05, The Alaska Public Utilities Regulatory Act, that requires Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to:

- Disclose network management practices, performance, and commercial terms so that consumers can make informed decisions
- Not block, impair, prioritize, or interfere with Internet access, website content, or Internet traffic

Provides for an exception to the restriction on prioritization if the Regulatory Commission of Alaska finds that such an action would benefit the public interest.

Section 2: AS 45.50.471, adds violation of Internet neutrality to the list of unlawful acts and practices in the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act

Section 1: Applicability section for contracts entered after the effective date of this bill. HB 277 does not apply to contracts entered between ISPs and consumers before that date.