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Chapter No.

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AN ACT

Relating to reduced rates and discounted local exchange telecommunication service for low-income individuals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 10

UNDERLINED MATERIAL INDICATES TEXT THAT IS BEING ADDED TO THE LAW AND BRACKETED MATERIAL IN CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATES DELETIONS FROM THE LAW; COMPLETELY NEW TEXT OR MATERIAL REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED IS IDENTIFIED IN THE INTRODUCTORY LINE OF EACH BILL SECTION.

Approved by the Governor: June 14, 1990
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AN ACT

Relating to reduced rates and discounted local exchange telecommunication service for low-income individuals.

* Section 1. AS 42.05.301 is amended to read:

Sec. 42.05.301. DISCRIMINATION IN SERVICE. Except as provided in AS 42.05.306, a [A] public utility may not, as to service, make or grant an unreasonable preference or advantage to any person or subject any person to an unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage. A public utility may not establish or maintain or provide an unreasonable difference as to service, either as between localities or as between classes of service, but nothing in this section prohibits the establishment of reasonable classifications of service or requires unreasonable investment in facilities.

* Sec. 2. AS 42.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 42.05.306. DISCOUNTED SERVICE AND REDUCED RATE. A public utility may provide a discounted service or a reduced rate for essential local exchange telecommunication services to individuals who receive benefits from a means test social services assistance program administered by the state or federal government. The commission may not require a utility to provide a discounted service or reduced rate or to incur uncompensated costs or administrative burdens for services provided under this section.

* Sec. 3. AS 42.05.391(a) is amended to read:

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1 (a) Except as provided in AS 42.05.306, a [A] public utility may
2 not, as to rates, grant an unreasonable preference or advantage to any
3 of its customers or subject a customer to an unreasonable prejudice or
4 disadvantage. A public utility may not establish or maintain an
5 unreasonable difference as to rates, either as between localities or
6 between classes of service. A municipally owned utility may offer
7 uniform or identical rates for a public utility service to customers
8 located in different areas within its certificated service area who
9 receive the same class of service. Any uniform or identical rate
10 shall, upon complaint, be subject to review by the commission and may
11 be set aside if shown to be unreasonable.
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