

**HOUSE BILL NO. 221**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE ELKINS**

**Introduced: 3/17/05**

**Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Labor and Commerce, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act directing a reduction of long distance telephone rates to offset exchange access**  
2 **fees paid by consumers; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 42.05.830 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (b) If consumers of local exchange telephone services are required to pay a fee  
6 to cover any portion of a long distance carrier's access charges under (a) of this  
7 section, the long distance carrier shall provide a corresponding reduction in long  
8 distance rates to all classes of consumers that offsets the savings to the long distance  
9 carrier resulting from any portion of access fees being paid by consumers. The  
10 commission shall by regulation require long distance carriers to report information  
11 needed by the commission to determine that consumer long distance rates accurately  
12 reflect the reduction required by this subsection.

13 **\* Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
14 read:

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REGULATIONS. The Regulatory Commission of Alaska shall adopt the regulations required in AS 42.05.830(b), added by sec. 1 of this Act, within six months after the effective date of this Act.

\* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).