

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY SWANSON

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 19

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to telephone utilities."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 42.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 ARTICLE 3. MISCELLANEOUS.

10 Sec. 42.20.160. PAYMENT OF BILLS; DEDUCTIONS FOR NONSERVICE. (a)

11 A subscriber may deduct from a bill for telephone service an amount
12 equal to one day of service for each day the subscriber's telephone is
13 inoperative due to malfunctioning of the individual subscriber's telephone
14 service or the telephone system to which it is connected due to no fault
15 of the subscriber. If the subscriber has been billed in advance for
16 local telephone service, the subscriber may deduct the amount from the
17 following billing. If the bill is rendered to a subscriber on a monthly
18 basis, the amount that may be deducted for each day the telephone service
19 is inoperative is 1/30th of the monthly charge for local telephone service,
20 inclusive of taxes imposed either by the federal, state or local govern-
21 ments.

22 (b) For the purpose of this section, "each day the subscriber's
23 telephone service is inoperative" means a malfunctioning of the individual
24 subscriber's telephone service or the telephone system to which it is
25 connected for a period of at least four hours in a 24-hour day.

26 Sec. 42.20.170. LIMITATION ON LIABILITY FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE
27 CHARGES. A telephone service subscriber may not be held liable for tele-
28 phone service charges that are not billed within 60 days of the date
29 they are incurred by the subscriber.

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