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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 101

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH 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 4. 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 tele-
14 phone service or the telephone system to which it is connected due to no
15 fault of the subscriber. If the subscriber has been billed in advance
16 for local telephone service, the subscriber may deduct the amount from
17 the following billing. If the bill is rendered to a subscriber on a
18 monthly basis, the amount that may be deducted for each day the tele-
19 phone service is inoperative is 1/30th of the monthly charge for local
20 telephone service, inclusive of taxes imposed either by the federal,
21 state or local governments.

22 (b) For the purpose of this section, "each day the subscriber's
23 telephone service is inoperative" means a malfunctioning of the indivi-
24 dual subscriber's telephone service or the telephone system to which it
25 is 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
28 telephone service charges that are not billed within 60 days of the date
29 they are incurred by the subscriber.

1 Sec. 42.20.180. LIMITATION ON RATES. (a) No local exchange tele-
2 phone utility may charge or receive both a base service rate and message
3 unit pricing within its exchange area.

4 (b) In this section:

5 (1) "base service rate" means the set charge to subscribers
6 within an exchange area;

7 (2) "exchange area" means a specific area in which a devel-
8 oped local exchange telephone service is furnished by a utility;

9 (3) "local exchange telephone utility" means a utility en-
10 gaged in the business of furnishing communications service to the public
11 for compensation through one or more local telephone exchanges which may
12 be operated separately or in conjunction with one or more other local
13 telephone exchanges through directly interconnected circuitry in which
14 extended area service is provided without requiring the payment of a
15 toll charge;

16 (4) "message unit pricing" means charging subscribers within
17 an exchange area according to the number or duration of calls made with-
18 in the exchange area.