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1 IN THE HOUSE
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 539 (Telecommunications)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to reduced rates and discounted
7 service for low-income telecommunication customers."
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
9 * Section 1. AS 42.05.301 is amended by adding a new subsection to
10 read:
11 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a public utility may
12 initiate a discounted service or a reduced rate for essential telecom-
13 munication services for the benefit of its low-income customers. The
14 commission may not require a utility to provide a discounted service
15 or reduced rate under this subsection. The commission may not require
16 a telephone utility to incur uncompensated costs or administrative
17 burdens that are not recoverable through an approved tariff if the
18 utility provides a discounted service or reduced rate.
19 * Sec. 2. AS 42.05.391 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
20 (e) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a public utility may
21 initiate a discounted service or a reduced rate for essential telecom-
22 munication services for the benefit of its low-income customers. The
23 commission may not require a utility to provide a discounted service
24 or reduced rate under this subsection. The commission may not require
25 a telephone utility to incur uncompensated costs or administrative
26 burdens that are not recoverable through an approved tariff if the
27 utility provides a discounted service or reduced rate.