

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 48

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to reduced rates and discounted
7 service for certain low-income telecommunication
8 customers."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 42.05.301 is amended by adding a new subsection to
11 read:

12 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a public utility may
13 propose a discounted service or a reduced rate for essential telecom-
14 munication services for the benefit of its low-income customers who
15 qualify for a means test social services assistance program adminis-
16 tered by the state or federal government. The commission may not
17 require a utility to provide a discounted service or reduced rate
18 under this subsection. The commission may not require a telephone
19 utility to incur uncompensated costs or administrative burdens that
20 are not recoverable through an approved tariff if the utility provides
21 a discounted service or reduced rate approved by the commission.

22 * Sec. 2. AS 42.05.391 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

23 (e) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a public utility may
24 propose a discounted service or a reduced rate for essential telecom-
25 munication services for the benefit of its low-income customers who
26 qualify for a means test social services assistance program adminis-
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