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CHAPTER 97—H.F.No. 671

An act relating to telecommunications; regulating promotions and packages of telephone company services; removing sunset expiration dates for alternative regulation plans for telecommunications providers and highway weight limit exemptions for utility vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 237.626; Laws 1995, chapter 156, section 25; Laws 2002, chapter 433, section 4.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 237.626, is amended to read:

237.626 PROMOTION ACTIVITIES.

Subdivision 1. PROMOTIONS. A telephone company may promote the use of its services by offering a waiver of part or all of a recurring or a nonrecurring charge, a redemption coupon, or a premium with the purchase of a service. Section 237.09 does not apply to promotions under this section, but the customer group to which the promotion is available must be based on reasonable distinctions among customers. No single promotion may be effective for longer than 90 days at a time. The benefits to a particular customer of a promotion must not extend beyond nine months. The service being promoted must have a price that is above the incremental cost of the service, including amortized cost of the promotion. A promotion may take effect the day after the notice is filed with the commission. The notice must identify customers to whom the promotion is available and include cost information demonstrating that the revenue from the service covers incremental cost, including cost of the promotion. A telephone company that offers a promotion under this section shall file a report on the promotion with the commission and the department within 90 days of the conclusion of the promotion. A telephone company is not required to file cost information except upon request of the department, the office of the attorney general, or the commission to determine if a promotion complies with applicable legal requirements. Within five business days of receipt of a request pursuant to this subdivision, or an order of the commission, the telephone company shall provide the requested cost information demonstrating the service being promoted has a price above the incremental cost of service to the office of the attorney general, the department, and the commission. The telephone company shall file this cost information with the commission soon thereafter.

Subd. 2. BUNDLED SERVICE. (a) A telephone company may offer telecommunications services subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the commission as part of a package of services that may include goods and services other than those subject to the commission's regulatory jurisdiction. Subject to the requirements of this chapter

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and the associated rules and orders of the commission applicable to those regulated services, a telephone company may establish the prices, terms, and conditions of a package of services, except that:

(1) each telecommunications service subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the commission must be available to customers on a stand-alone basis;

(2) at the time the packaged offering is introduced or at the time the packaged price is subsequently changed, the packaged rate or price may not exceed the sum of the unpackaged rates or prices for the individual service elements or services; and

(3) in addition to the tariff requirements that apply to the telecommunications elements of the package, the tariff must also contain a general description of the nontelecommunications components of the package.

(b) Nothing in this subdivision is intended to extend or diminish the regulatory authority of the commission or the department.

Sec. 2. Laws 1995, chapter 156, section 25, is amended to read:

Sec. 25. **EFFECTIVE DATE; EXPIRATION.**

Sections 1 to 22 are effective August 1, 1995, and ~~expire January 1, 2006.~~

Sec. 3. Laws 2000, chapter 433, section 4, is amended to read:

Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment and ~~are repealed June 1, 2003.~~

Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 and 2 are effective June 1, 2003. Section 3 is effective the day following final enactment.

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Signed by the governor May 27, 2003, 4:11 p.m.

CHAPTER 98—S.F.No. 770

An act relating to Hennepin county; removing its medical center and its health maintenance organization from certain contracting requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 383B.217, subdivision 7.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 383B.217, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

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