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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1152

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An Act relating to telecommunications; amending 17 O.S. 1991, Section 131, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 207, O.S.L. 2000 (17 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 131), which relates to a certificate of convenience and necessity; requiring certain notice to be provided to the Corporation Commission; establishing a penalty for failure to provide certain notice; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2813, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 350, O.S.L. 1995 and Section 3, Chapter 115, O.S.L. 2000 (63 O.S. Supp. 2000, Sections 2813 and 2843), which relate to nine-one-one emergency telephone service; modifying definitions; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 1991, Section 131, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 207, O.S.L. 2000 (17 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 131), is amended to read as follows:

Section 131. ~~(a)~~ A. No person, firm, association, corporation or cooperative shall provide telecommunications services, as defined by the rules of the Corporation Commission, to any end-user in this state without having first obtained from the Corporation Commission a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity. This section shall not be construed to require any incumbent exchange carrier to secure such a certificate for any extension within or to any territory already served by it or for any extension into a territory contiguous to a territory already served by it on which it has heretofore filed with the Commission an exchange area map showing

the territory professed to be served by such incumbent exchange carrier.

~~(b)~~ B. Prior to obtaining a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, each provider of telecommunications services, as defined by the rules of the Commission, making application for such Certificate shall be required to demonstrate its financial, managerial, and technical ability to provide the requested telecommunications services in this state. Before commencing to provide local exchange telecommunications services in any service area, a new provider shall give notice by mail or personal service to each regional council, as defined in the Local and Regional Capital Improvement Planning Process Act, in whose district any portion of the provider's intended service area lies. The notice shall confirm that the provider is a local exchange telephone company as defined in the Nine-One-One Emergency Number Act, and shall attest that the provider shall make emergency telephone services available to its customers in accordance with the Nine-One-One Emergency Number Act. The new provider shall also forward a copy of the notice to the Corporation Commission. The regional council shall, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the notice, forward the notice by mail to the chief executive officer of every governing body located in the regional council district that has responsibility for operation of an emergency telephone system serving any part of the provider's intended service area.

C. Any corporation, firm, or person who fails to provide notice as required pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of this section may be fined by the Commission a sum of up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) as the Commission may deem proper after notice and opportunity for hearing. Each day's continuance of such violation, after due service upon such corporation, firm, or person, of the requirement shall be a separate offense.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2813, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 350, O.S.L. 1995 (63 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 2813), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2813. As used in the Nine-One-One Emergency Number Act, Section 2811 et seq. of this title, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Area served" means the geographic area which shall be served by the emergency telephone service provided by the governing body of a county, municipality, part of a county or combination of such governing bodies;

2. "Emergency telephone service" means any telephone system utilizing a three-digit number, nine-one-one (911), for reporting an emergency to the appropriate public agency providing law enforcement, fire, medical or other emergency services, including ancillary communications systems and personnel necessary to pass the reported emergency to the appropriate emergency service and personnel;

3. "Emergency telephone fee" means a fee to finance the operation of emergency telephone service;

4. "Governing body" means the board of county commissioners of a county, the city council or other governing body of a municipality, or a combination of such boards, councils or other municipal governing bodies, which shall have an administering board as provided in subsection G of Section 2815 of this title. Any such combined administering board shall be formed and shall enter into an agreement between the governing body of each entity in accordance with the Interlocal Cooperation Act. The agreement shall be filed with the office of the county clerk and in the offices of each governmental entity involved;

5. "Local exchange telephone company" means any company providing exchange telephone services to any service user in this

state, and shall include any competitive local exchange carrier as defined in Section 139.102 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

6. "Person" means any service user, including but not limited to, any individual, firm, partnership, copartnership, joint venture, association, cooperative organization, private corporation, whether organized for profit or not, fraternal organization, nonprofit organization, estate, trust, business or common law trust, receiver, assignee for the benefit of creditors, trustee or trustee in bankruptcy, the United States of America, the state, any political subdivision of the state, or any federal or state agency, department, commission, board or bureau;

7. "Public agency" means any city, town, county, municipal corporation, public district, public trust or public authority located within this state which provides or has authority to provide fire fighting, law enforcement, ambulance, emergency medical or other emergency services;

8. "Service user" means any person who is provided exchange telephone service in this state; and

9. "Tariff rate" means the rate or rates billed by a local exchange telephone company stated in tariffs applicable for such company, as approved by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, which represent the recurring charges of such local exchange telephone company for exchange telephone service or its equivalent, exclusive of all taxes, fees, licenses or similar charges whatsoever.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 115, O.S.L. 2000 (63 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 2843), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2843. As used in the Nine-One-One Wireless Emergency Number Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Area served" means the geographic area which shall be served by the emergency telephone service provided by the governing

body of a county, municipality, part of a county or combination of such governing bodies;

2. "Governing body" means the board of county commissioners of a county, the city council or other governing body of a municipality, or a combination of such boards, councils or other municipal governing bodies, which shall have an administering board as provided in subsection G of Section 2815 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Any such combined administering board shall be formed and shall enter into an agreement with the governing body of each entity in accordance with the Interlocal Cooperation Act. The agreement shall be filed with the office of the county clerk and in the offices of each governmental entity involved;

3. "Nine-one-one wireless emergency telephone service" means any telephone system whereby wireless telephone subscribers may utilize a three-digit number, nine-one-one (911), for reporting an emergency to the appropriate public agency providing law enforcement, fire, medical, or other emergency services, including ancillary communications systems and personnel necessary to pass the reported emergency to the appropriate emergency service and personnel;

4. "Local exchange telephone company" means any company providing exchange telephone service to any service user in this state, and shall include any competitive local exchange carrier as defined in Section 139.102 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

5. "Person" means any service user, including any individual, firm, partnership, copartnership, joint venture, association, cooperative organization, private corporation, whether organized for profit or not, fraternal organization, nonprofit organization, estate, trust, business or common law trust, receiver, assignee for the benefit of creditors, trustee or trustee in bankruptcy, the United States of America, the state, any political subdivision of

the state or any federal or state agency, department, commission, board, or bureau;

6. "Proprietary information" shall include subscriber and market share information;

7. "Public agency" means any city, town, county, municipal corporation, public district, public trust or public authority located within this state which provides or has authority to provide fire fighting, law enforcement, ambulance, emergency medical, or other emergency services;

8. "Substate planning district" means the following organizations:

- a. Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG),
- b. Association of South Central Oklahoma Governments (ASCOG),
- c. Central Oklahoma Economic Development District (COEDD),
- d. Eastern Oklahoma Economic Development District (EOEDD),
- e. Grand Gateway Economic Development Association (GGEDA),
- f. Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG),
- g. Kiamichi Economic Development District (KEDDO),
- h. Northern Oklahoma Development Association (NODA),
- i. Oklahoma Economic Development Association (OEDA),
- j. Southern Oklahoma Development Association (SODA), and
- k. South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA);

9. "Wireless service provider" means a provider of commercial mobile service under Section 332(d) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C., Section 151 et seq., Federal Communications Commission rules, and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, Pub. L. No. 103-66, and includes a provider of wireless two-way communication service, radio-telephone communications related to

cellular telephone service, network radio access lines or the equivalent, and personal communication service. The term does not include a provider of:

- a. a service whose users do not have access to nine-one-one service,
- b. a communication channel used only for data transmission, or
- c. a wireless roaming service or other nonlocal radio access line service; and

10. "Wireless telecommunications connection" means any wireless communication mobile station assigned a number containing an area code assigned to Oklahoma by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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