

**EHB 1300**

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**THE STATE SENATE**

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**ENGROSSED**

**House Bill No. 1300**

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1300 - By: BONNY and ADAIR of the House and ROBINSON of the Senate.

An Act relating to public utilities; requiring telephone or telecommunications companies to give written notice of any rate increase to residential customers; stating time period for notice; providing method for written notice; providing definition; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 180.12 of Title 17, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. At least thirty (30) days prior to implementing any rate increase to residential customers for any telephone or telecommunications service, a telephone or telecommunications company shall provide written notice to the affected customers of the increase.

B. The written notice required in subsection A of this section shall be provided by direct mailing to the customer or by any other method of notice approved by the Corporation Commission.

1 C. For purposes of this section, "telephone or  
2 telecommunications company" means a company subject to Section 131  
3 et seq. of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes, including  
4 interexchange telecommunications companies or such other  
5 telecommunications companies as defined by OCC Rule OAC 165:55-1-4,  
6 resellers as defined by OCC Rule OAC 165:56-1-4 and operator service  
7 providers as defined by OCC Rule OAC 165:57-1-4.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

9 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
10 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES &  
14 REGULATORY AFFAIRS, dated 3-22-01 - DO PASS.