

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 330

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Telecommunications Act of 1997; prohibiting certain anti-competitive business practices by telephone service providers; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 139.111 of Title 17, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. No telephone service provider or its agent, representative or employee shall participate in anti-competitive business practices such as fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

B. Anti-competitive business practices include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Any intentional act of a telephone service provider that either directly or indirectly hinders, impedes or slows a customer's ability to switch to the telephone service provider of the customer's choice;

2. Any intentional act of a telephone service provider that either directly or indirectly generates an unfair business advantage to the detriment of a competing telephone service provider; and

3. Any intentional act of a telephone service provider to establish policies, procedures, methods and guidelines related to the processing of other telephone service provider's orders or service requests which:

- a. impedes, slows or prohibits the telephone service provider's ability to compete, or
- b. impedes, slows or prohibits a customer's ability to switch to the telephone service provider of the customer's choice.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

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