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SENATE FILE 284

BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE
Approved 2/23 (p. 516)
(FORMERLY SSB 218)

Passed Senate, Date 3-18-81 (p. 760) Passed House, Date 4-9-81 (P. 1143)
Vote: Ayes 41 Nays 6 Vote: Ayes 57 Nays 38
Approved 4-27-81

A BILL FOR

1 An Act striking the provision which prohibits a telephone
2 company from imposing a charge for directory assistance.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. Section 476.6, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 1981, is amended to read as follows:

3 No A public utility subject to rate regulation shall not
4 make effective any new or changed rate, charge, schedule or
5 regulation except by filing ~~the same~~ it with the commission
6 at least thirty days prior to ~~the~~ its effective date ~~thereof~~.
7 The commission, for good cause shown, may allow changes in
8 rates, charges, schedules or regulations to become effective
9 on less than thirty days' notice. ~~The commission shall not~~
10 ~~approve a charge nor shall a public utility make a charge~~
11 ~~for telephone directory assistance.~~

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill strikes a provision which prohibits a telephone
14 company from obtaining approval by the commerce commission
15 to impose a charge for directory assistance.

16 The bill would take effect July 1 following enactment.

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S-3099

- 1 Amend Senate File 284 as follows:
 2 1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1 the
 3 following:
 4 "Section 1. Chapter 476, Code 1981, is amended
 5 by adding the following new section:
 6 NEW SECTION. TELEPHONE DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE
 7 CHARGES. Notwithstanding contrary provisions of
 8 section 476.6, a public utility shall not implement
 9 a charge for telephone directory assistance or
 10 implement a new or changed rate for telephone directory
 11 assistance except pursuant to a tariff that has been
 12 filed with the commission and finally approved by
 13 the commission."
 14 2. By renumbering the remaining sections of the
 15 bill.

S-3099 FILED

BY BOB RUSH

FEBRUARY 26, 1981

Adopted 3/16 (p. 806)

SENATE FILE 284

S-3157

- 1 Amend Senate File 284 as follows:
 2 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 11 the
 3 following:
 4 "The Iowa state commerce commission shall not approve
 5 a schedule of telephone directory assistance charges
 6 unless the schedule provides that there shall not be
 7 a charge for directory assistance unless the telephone
 8 number requested is listed in the telephone directory
 9 most recently published and distributed by the utility."

S-3157 FILED

BY TOM SLATER

MARCH 10, 1981

BOB CARR

*Adopted 3/16 (p. 806)**Motion to Reconsider (p. 809)
Reconsideration Lost 3/16 (p. 809)*

SENATE FILE 284

S-3189

- 1 Amend Senate File 284 as follows:
 2 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 11 the
 3 following:
 4 "Any subscriber of a telephone exchange or
 5 service, who is declared to be legally blind under
 6 section 422.12e, shall be exempt from the provisions
 7 of the Act."

S-3189 FILED & WITHDRAWN
MARCH 16, 1981 (p. 809)BY C. JOSEPH COLEMAN
JOE BROWN

SENATE FILE 284

S-3190

- 1 Amend Senate File 284 as follows:
 2 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 11 the
 3 following:
 4 "Any subscriber of a telephone exchange or
 5 service, who is declared to be legally blind under
 6 section 422.12(e), shall be exempt from the provisions
 7 of this Act."

S-3190 FILED & WITHDRAWN

BY C. JOSEPH COLEMAN
JOE BROWN

SENATE 5
MARCH 18, 1981

SENATE FILE 284

S-3201

Amend Senate File 284 as follows:

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2 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 11 the
3 following new section:
4 "Sec. . NEW SECTION. A telephone directory assistance
5 tariff that is approved by the commission on or after
6 the effective date of this Act shall be subject to
7 the limitation that a subscriber shall not be charged
8 for the first seven directory assistance calls made
9 from the subscriber's station during each of the first
10 twelve months in which the tariff is in effect, and
11 a charge made in violation of this limitation is an
12 unlawful charge within the meaning of chapter 476."

BY JULIA B. GENTLEMAN

S-3201 FILED

MARCH 17, 1981

Adopted 3/18 (p 859)

SENATE FILE 284

S-3209

1 Amend Senate File 284 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 11 the
3 following:
4 "Notwithstanding unnumbered paragraph 1 of this
5 section, as of July 1, 1984, the Iowa state commerce
6 commission shall not approve a schedule of telephone
7 directory assistance charges unless the schedule
8 provides that there shall not be a charge for directory
9 assistance unless the telephone number requested is
10 listed in the telephone directory most recently published
11 and distributed by the utility."

S-3209 FILED & ADOPTED (p. 860)

MARCH 18, 1981

BY TOM SLATER

MICK LURA

GEORGE KINLEY

SENATE FILE 284

S-3211

1 Amend Senate File 284 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 11, by striking the word
3 "assistanc~~e~~-" and inserting in lieu thereof the
4 following: "assistanc~~e~~ Any subscriber of a telephone
5 exchange or service, who is declared to be legally
6 blind under section 422.12(e), shall be exempt from
7 any charges for telephone directory assistance that
8 may be approved by the commerce commission."

S-3211 FILED & ADOPTED (p 854)

MARCH 18, 1981

BY C. JOSEPH COLEMAN

JOE BROWN

1 Section 1. Chapter 476, Code 1981, is amended by adding
2 the following new section:

3 NEW SECTION. TELEPHONE DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE CHARGES.

4 Notwithstanding contrary provisions of section 476.6, a public
5 utility shall not implement a charge for telephone directory
6 assistance or implement a new or changed rate for telephone
7 directory assistance except pursuant to a tariff that has
8 been filed with the commission and finally approved by the
9 commission.

10 Sec. 2. Section 476.6, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1981,
11 is amended to read as follows:

12 No A public utility subject to rate regulation shall not
13 make effective any new or changed rate, charge, schedule or
14 regulation except by filing the same it with the commission
15 at least thirty days prior to the its effective date thereof.
16 The commission, for good cause shown, may allow changes in
17 rates, charges, schedules or regulations to become effective
18 on less than thirty days' notice. The-commission-shall-not
19 approve-a-charge-or-shall-a-public-utility-make-a-charge
20 for-telephone-directory-assistance Any subscriber of a
21 telephone exchange or service, who is declared to be legally
22 blind under section 422.12(e), shall be exempt from any charges
23 for telephone directory assistance that may be approved by
24 the commerce commission.

25 Notwithstanding unnumbered paragraph 1 of this section,
26 as of July 1, 1984, the Iowa state commerce commission shall
27 not approve a schedule of telephone directory assistance
28 charges unless the schedule provides that there shall not
29 be a charge for directory assistance unless the telephone
30 number requested is listed in the telephone directory most
31 recently published and distributed by the utility.

32 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. A telephone directory assistance
33 tariff that is approved by the commission on or after the
34 effective date of this Act shall be subject to the limitation
35 that a subscriber shall not be charged for the first seven

1 directory assistance calls made from the subscriber's station
2 during each of the first twelve months in which the tariff
3 is in effect, and a charge made in violation of this limitation
4 is an unlawful charge within the meaning of chapter 476.

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SENATE FILE 284

H-3561

1 Amend Senate File 284 as amended, passed and
2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 24, the following:
4 "The Iowa state commerce commission shall not approve
5 a schedule of telephone directory assistance charges
6 unless the schedule provides that there shall not be a
7 charge for directory assistance if the telephone number
8 requested is outside the exchange from which the request
9 for directory assistance is made."

BY STURGEON of Woodbury
BYERLY of Polk
SWARTZ of Marshall

PAVICH of Pottawattamie
O'KANE of Woodbury
SPEAR of Lee
HOWELL of Floyd

H-3561 FILED
APRIL 8, 1981

Loat 4/9/81 (p. 1140)

SENATE FILE 284

H-3562

1 Amend Senate File 284 as amended, passed and
2 reprinted by the Senate as follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 26, by striking the figure "1984"
4 and inserting in lieu thereof the figure "1981".

H-3562 FILED
APRIL 8, 1981

Loat 4/9/81 (p. 1140)

BY SWARTZ of Marshall
STURGEON of Woodbury
BYERLY of Polk

SENATE FILE 284

H-3512

1 Amend Senate File 284 as amended, passed and
 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
 3 1. Page 1, line 22, by inserting after the comma
 4 the words "or who is incapable of reading a telephone
 5 directory,".
 6 2. Page 1, line 24, by inserting after the period
 7 the following: "The commission shall adopt rules
 8 specifying procedures by which subscribers who are
 9 blind or incapable of reading a telephone directory
 10 may apply for the exemption provided in this paragraph.
 11 These rules also shall establish standards by which
 12 it can be determined if a person is incapable of reading
 13 a telephone directory."

H-3512 FILED APRIL 6, 1981

BY BRANDT of Black Hawk

Last 4/7/81 (g 1129)

SENATE FILE 284

H-3546

1 Amend Senate File 284 as amended, passed, and
 2 reprinted by the Senate as follows:
 3 1. Page 1, line 30, by inserting after the word
 4 "listed" the word "correctly".
 5 2. Page 2, line 2, by striking the words "of the
 6 first twelve months" and inserting in lieu thereof
 7 the word "month".

H-3546 FILED APRIL 7, 1981

BY RITSEMA of Sioux

Last 4/9/81 (g 1142)

SENATE FILE 284

H-3560

1 Amend Senate File 284 as amended, passed and re-
 2 printed by the Senate, as follows:
 3 1. Page 2, line 4, by inserting after the period
 4 the following: "Any revenues from this tariff and any
 5 savings resulting from reduced costs of providing
 6 directory assistance service, due to the implementa-
 7 tion of this tariff, shall be returned by the utility
 8 to its customers by a method approved by the com-
 9 mission."

H-3560 FILED
APRIL 8, 1981

BY STURGEON of Woodbury

BYERLY of Polk
PAVICH of Pottawattamie

GROTH of Buena Vista
O'KANE of Woodbury
HOWELL of Floyd

Last 4/9/81 (g 1142)

SENATE FILE 284

AN ACT

STRIKING THE PROVISION WHICH PROHIBITS A TELEPHONE COMPANY FROM IMPOSING A CHARGE FOR DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Chapter 476, Code 1981, is amended by adding the following new section:

NEW SECTION. TELEPHONE DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE CHARGES.

Notwithstanding contrary provisions of section 476.6, a public utility shall not implement a charge for telephone directory assistance or implement a new or changed rate for telephone directory assistance except pursuant to a tariff that has been filed with the commission and finally approved by the commission.

Sec. 2. Section 476.6, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

No A public utility subject to rate regulation shall not make effective any new or changed rate, charge, schedule or regulation except by filing ~~the same~~ it with the commission at least thirty days prior to the its effective date thereof. The commission, for good cause shown, may allow changes in rates, charges, schedules or regulations to become effective on less than thirty days' notice. ~~The commission shall not approve a charge nor shall a public utility make a charge for telephone directory assistance~~ Any subscriber of a telephone exchange or service, who is declared to be legally blind under section 422.12(e), shall be exempt from any charges for telephone directory assistance that may be approved by the commerce commission.

Notwithstanding unnumbered paragraph 1 of this section, as of July 1, 1984, the Iowa state commerce commission shall not approve a schedule of telephone directory assistance

charges unless the schedule provides that there shall not be a charge for directory assistance unless the telephone number requested is listed in the telephone directory most recently published and distributed by the utility.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. A telephone directory assistance tariff that is approved by the commission on or after the effective date of this Act shall be subject to the limitation that a subscriber shall not be charged for the first seven directory assistance calls made from the subscriber's station during each of the first twelve months in which the tariff is in effect, and a charge made in violation of this limitation is an unlawful charge within the meaning of chapter 476.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
President of the Senate

DELWYN STROMER
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 284, Sixty-ninth General Assembly.

LINDA HOWARTH MACKAY
Secretary of the Senate

Approved 4/27, 1981

ROBERT D. RAY
Governor