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HOUSE FILE 232

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HOUSE FILE 232

Commerce
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Passed House, Date 4-25-77 (p. 1206) Passed Senate, Date 3-21-78 (p. 611)

Vote: Ayes 64 Nays 30 Vote: Ayes 46 Nays 10

Approved June 29, 1978

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act prohibiting the Iowa commerce commission from
- 2 approving charges by telephone companies for telephone
- 3 directory assistance.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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H-3684

- 1 Amend House File 232 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 12, by inserting after the word
- 3 "assistance." the following: "However, a charge
- 4 may be approved by the commission and imposed against
- 5 a subscriber who uses directory assistance more than
- 6 five (5) times in any month to obtain information
- 7 readily ascertainable in a telephone company directory
- 8 of which copies reasonably sufficient for the sub-
- 9 scriber's needs have been distributed free of charge
- 10 to the subscriber."

H-3684 FILED - *Lat 4/25* BY CONLON of Muscatine
APRIL 20, 1977 (*p 16-3*)

S-5374

1 Amend House File 232, as amended and passed by the
 2 House as follows:
 3 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause
 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
 5 "Section 1. Section four hundred seventy-six point
 6 six (476.6), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1977,
 7 is amended to read as follows:
 8 No public utility subject to rate regulation shall
 9 make effective any new or changed rate, charge, schedule
 10 or regulation except by filing the same with the com-
 11 mission at least thirty days prior to the effective
 12 date thereof. The commission, for good cause shown,
 13 may allow changes in rates, charges, schedules or
 14 regulations to become effective on less than thirty
 15 days' notice. The commission shall not approve a
 16 charge nor shall a public utility make a charge for
 17 telephone directory assistance unless: (a) the utility
 18 shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the commission
 19 that the revenues and the net cost savings associated
 20 with such charge will be applied to reduce the utility's
 21 charges for basic exchange service; and (b) each cus-
 22 tomer shall be given an allowance of at least five
 23 calls to directory assistance, without charge, during
 24 each monthly billing cycle.
 25 Sec. 2. This Act is repealed effective July 1, 1980."

S-5374 FILED *Adopted as amended by* BY BERL E. PRIEBE
 MARCH 20, 1978 *3/21 (p. 411)* CALVIN O. HULTMAN
Adopted by the Commission 3/26 (p. 1023) DALE L. TIEDEN
 BASS VAN GILST
 MILO MERRITT
 WARREN E. CURTIS

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S-5378

1 Amend the Priebe et al. amendment, S-5374, to House
 2 File 232 as amended and passed by the House as follows:
 3 1. Page 1, line 24, by inserting after the word
 4 "cycle." the following: "However, the commission shall not
 5 approve a charge nor shall a public utility make a charge
 6 for telephone directory assistance if: a) the telephone
 7 number is not listed in the telephone directory, or
 8 b) the telephone number is incorrectly listed in the
 9 telephone directory."

S-5378 FILED *Adopted 3/21 (p. 410)* BY JOAN ORR
 MARCH 20, 1978

HOUSE FILE 232

S-5381

1 Amend the Priebe et al. amendment, S-5374, to House
2 File 232 as amended and passed by the House as follows:
3 1. Page 1, line 24, by inserting after the word
4 "cycle." the following: "The commission shall not
5 approve a charge nor shall a public utility make a
6 charge for telephone directory assistance for an area
7 which is outside of that for which the customer's
8 telephone directory was issued."

S-5381 FILED & WITHDRAWN (p 610) BY JOAN ORR
MARCH 21, 1978

HOUSE FILE 232

S-5382

1 Amend the Priebe et al. amendment, S-5374, to House
2 File 232 as amended and passed by the House as follows:
3 1. Page 1, lines 22 through 24, by striking the
4 words "five calls to directory assistance, without a
5 charge, during each monthly billing cycle" and in-
6 sserting in lieu thereof the words "sixty calls to
7 directory assistance, without charge, during each cal-
8 endar year. However, if a customer's telephone is in
9 operation for less than a calendar year, the number of
10 directory assistance calls that can be made by the
11 customer without charge shall be prorated accordingly".

S-5382 FILED & ADOPTED (p 610) BY FORREST V. SCHWENGELS
MARCH 21, 1978 ROLF V. CRAFT

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S-5384

1 Amend House File 232, as amended and passed by
2 the House as follows:
3 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 12, the follow-
4 ing new paragraph:
5 "Upon the written request of a customer to the
6 public utility, the public utility shall supply the
7 current telephone directory for any part of the state
8 of Iowa to the requesting customer."

S-5384 FILED
MARCH 21, 1978

BY STEPHEN W. BIENIUS

RULED OUT OF ORDER (p 611)

H-3732

1 Amend House File 232 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 12 the
3 following new section:

4 "Sec. ____ Chapter four hundred seventy-six (476),
5 Code 1977, is amended by adding the following new
6 sections:

7 NEW SECTION. DEFINITIONS. As used in this
8 chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

9 1. "Exchange area" means a general area in which
10 a public utility furnishes exchange telephone service.

11 2. "Flat rate service" means service furnished
12 at a fixed monthly or periodic charge.

13 3. "Toll rate" means the tariff charge prescribed
14 for messages which charge is based upon the duration of
15 the message and the distance between the rate centers of
16 exchange areas.

17 4. "Rate center" means the central office of any
18 exchange area from which distance is measured to the
19 central office of any other exchange area in determining
20 a toll rate in a tariff filed with the commission.

21 5. "Extended area service" means telephone service,
22 furnished at a flat rate, between all subscriber tele-
23 phone stations located within an exchange area and all
24 subscriber telephone stations within one or more other
25 exchange areas.

26 6. "Discounted toll-rate" means a flat rate for
27 specified minimum use of toll lines between exchange
28 areas for which toll rates are included in tariffs filed
29 with the commission.

30 7. "Telephone station" means the telephone instru-
31 ment installed for the use of the subscriber.

32 NEW SECTION. REDUCED TOLL RATES. Where pro-
33 visions required by this Act would not conflict with
34 interstate rate jurisdiction of the Federal Communi-
35 cations Commission, each telephone company shall offer
36 either extended area service or discounted toll -rate
37 service between exchange areas as provided in this
38 section. Effective July 1, 1979, either extended area
39 service or discounted toll-rate service shall be
40 offered between the central office or the rate center
41 of the exchange area and the central office or the rate
42 center of other exchange areas located within a radius
43 of not less than twenty-five miles and, effective
44 July 1, 1980, within a radius of not less than forty
45 miles and, effective July 1, 1981, within a radius of
46 not less than fifty-five miles.

47 Subject to the provisions of chapter seventeen A
48 (17A) of the Code the commission shall make rules for
49 the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this
50 section. These rules shall apply to all telephone

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- 1 companies operating within the state, regardless of
- 2 any exceptions provided in section four hundred
- 3 seventy-six point one (476.1) of the Code to the
- 4 regulatory authority of the commission."

H-3732 FILED - *Revised* BY EGENES of Story

APRIL 25, 1977 *German 4/25*
(p. 1604)

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H-3734

- 1 Amend House File 232 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking the period in line 12
- 3 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "unless
- 4 a commensurate decrease in the base rate charge is
- 5 implemented."

H-3734 FILED - *Cont 4/25 (1602)* BY LIPSKY of Linn

APRIL 25, 1977

HOUSE FILE 232

H-3729

- 1 Amend House File 232 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking all after the enacting
- 3 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 4 "Section 1. Section four hundred seventy-six
- 5 point six (476.6), Code 1977, is amended by adding
- 6 the following new unnumbered paragraph:
- 7 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The commission shall
- 8 adopt rules not later than January 1, 1978, setting
- 9 forth the principles to be applied when deciding to
- 10 approve or disapprove an application by a public
- 11 utility to charge for directory assistance. The
- 12 commission shall not approve a charge nor shall a
- 13 public utility make a charge for telephone directory
- 14 assistance prior to April 1, 1978."
- 15 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
- 16 word "assistance" the words "prior to April 1, 1978,
- 17 and directing the commission to adopt rules".

H-3729 FILED - *Cont 4/25* BY EVANS of Grundy

APRIL 25, 1977 *(1601)*

HOUSE FILE 232

H-3733

- 1 Amend House File 232 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking all of line 13.

H-3733 FILED - *Adopted 4/25* BY HARGRAVE of Johnson

APRIL 25, 1977 *(1605)*

HOUSE FILE 232

H-3760

- 1 Amend House File 232 as follows:
- 2 1. Title page, line 2 by inserting after the
- 3 word "approving" the word "certain".

H-3760 FILED, ADOPTED BY LIPSKY of Linn

BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

APRIL 25, 1977 *(p. 1606)*

SENATE AMENDMENT TO
HOUSE FILE 232

H-6347

1 Amend House File 232 as amended and passed by the
2 House as follows:

3 1. By striking everything after the enacting
4 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 "Section 1. Section four hundred seventy-six point
6 six (476.6), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1977,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 No public utility subject to rate regulation shall
9 make effective any new or changed rate, charge,
10 schedule or regulation except by filing the same with
11 the commission at least thirty days prior to the
12 effective date thereof. The commission, for good
13 cause shown, may allow changes in rates, charges,
14 schedules or regulations to become effective on less
15 than thirty days' notice. The commission shall not
16 approve a charge nor shall a public utility make a
17 charge for telephone directory assistance unless:

18 (a) the utility shall demonstrate to the satisfaction
19 of the commission that the revenues and the net cost
20 savings associated with such charge will be applied
21 to reduce the utility's charges for basic exchange
22 service; and (b) each customer shall be given an
23 allowance of at least sixty calls to directory
24 assistance, without charge, during each calendar year.
25 However, if a customer's telephone is in operation
26 for less than a calendar year, the number of directory
27 assistance calls that can be made by the customer
28 without charge shall be prorated accordingly.

29 Sec. 2. This Act is repealed effective July 1,
30 1980."

H-6347 FILED, RECEIVED FROM SENATE

REFUSED TO CONCUR

APRIL 26, 1978

Handwritten notes:
- Clause inserted in the original House File 232
- 1977 Code 476.6
- 5/11/78 (1978)

AN ACT

PROHIBITING THE IOWA COMMERCE COMMISSION FROM APPROVING
CERTAIN CHARGES BY TELEPHONE COMPANIES FOR TELEPHONE
DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE.

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

Section 1. Section four hundred seventy-six point six
(476.6), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1977, is amended
to read as follows:

No public utility subject to rate regulation shall make
effective any new or changed rate, charge, schedule or
regulation except by filing the same with the commission at
least thirty days prior to the 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.

DALE M. COCHRAN
Speaker of the House

ARTHUR A. NEU
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
is known as House File 232, Sixty-seventh General Assembly.

DAVID L. WRAY
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved June 29, 1978

ROBERT D. RAY
Governor