

## Session 115 - (2003-2004)

**H 4656 General Bill, By Cato, Sandifer, Huggins, Bailey, Bales, Barfield, Bingham, Bowers, G.A. Brown, J. Brown, Chellis, Cooper, Dantzler, Edge, Hamilton, Harrell, Harrison, Hinson, Jennings, Leach, Lee, Limehouse, Lourie, Mack, Martin, McCraw, Miller, Perry, Quinn, Rice, Richardson, Rutherford, Scarborough, Scott, J.R. Smith, W.D. Smith, Thompson, Tripp, Trotter, White, Witherspoon, Young, Moody-Lawrence, Gourdine, Allen, Weeks, Walker, Owens, Govan, Hosey, G.R. Smith and Loftis**

**Similar (S 0887)**

**Summary:** Public Service Commission, telecommunications carriers required to provide contracts to; local exchange carrier, PSC prohibited from regulating

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-280, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A TELEPHONE UTILITY TO BE GRANTED A CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY BEFORE THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, OR EXTENSION OF A PLANT OR SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS THAT HAVE ELECTED TO HAVE RATES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS DETERMINED PURSUANT TO THE PLAN DESCRIBED IN SECTION 58-9-576(B) SHALL PROVIDE THESE CONTRACTS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AS REQUIRED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-576, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION A LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER MAY MAKE WITH REGARD TO ITS REGULATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FURTHER CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER MAY MAKE THIS ELECTION, TO DEFINE "ABUSE OF MARKET POSITION" AND REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO RESOLVE COMPLAINTS WITHIN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS, TO DEFINE "BUNDLED OFFERING" AND "CONTRACT OFFERING", TO PROHIBIT THE COMMISSION FROM REGULATING A BUNDLED OFFERING OR CONTRACT OFFERING BY A CARRIER AND REQUIRE A CARRIER TO ADHERE TO AN ALTERNATIVE REGULATORY PLAN UNTIL IT EXPIRES OR IS TERMINATED BY THE COMMISSION, WHICHEVER IS SOONER, TO PROVIDE THAT A LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER PROVIDING BUNDLED OFFERINGS OR CONTRACT OFFERINGS IS OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE CERTAIN UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF) CONTRIBUTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH ACCESS MINUTES OF USE MUST BE CLASSIFIED AND REPORTED FOR PURPOSES OF ADMINISTERING THE INTERIM LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER FUND.

01/29/04	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-36
01/29/04	House	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-37
02/11/04	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-8
02/12/04	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Weeks, Walker, Owens
02/17/04	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Govan, Hosey, G.R.Smith, Loftis
02/17/04	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Neilson, Hayes, Miller, Allen, G. Brown, Cato, Sandifer, J. Brown, Scarborough, Altman, Davenport, McGee, Bales, Bailey, Perry, JR Smith, Duncan, JM Neal, Pinson, JE Smith, and JH Neal HJ-25
02/18/04	House	Requests for debate removed-Rep(s). Cato, Sandifer, Bailey, McGee, JE Smith, Hayes, JE Brown, Neilson, Scarborough, JR Smith, Perry, Pinson, JM Neal, Duncan, Miller, Altman, Davenport, and Allen HJ-34
02/18/04	House	Amended HJ-60
02/18/04	House	Read second time HJ-63
02/19/04	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-20
02/24/04	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-11
02/24/04	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-11
05/12/04	Senate	Committee report: Majority favorable with amend., minority unfavorable Judiciary SJ-18
05/13/04		Scrivener's error corrected