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H 3196 General Bill, By McKnight and Taylor

Summary: Government owned communication services

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO RETITLE ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 9, TITLE 58, RELATING TO GOVERNMENT-OWNED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS AS "LOCAL GOVERNMENT-OWNED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS"; BY ADDING SECTION 58-9-2640 SO AS TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN PRACTICES BY LOCAL AGENCIES PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INCLUDING BROADBAND SERVICES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-2600, RELATING TO THE PURPOSE OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 9, TITLE 58, SO AS TO DEFINE THE ARTICLE'S MODIFIED PURPOSE; TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-2610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO GOVERNMENT-OWNED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND ADD CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-2620, RELATING TO GOVERNMENT-OWNED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS' DUTIES AND RESTRICTIONS; COST AND RATE COMPUTATIONS; AND ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AUTHORIZE LOCAL AGENCIES, AS DEFINED IN THIS ACT, TO PARTICIPATE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS VENTURES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE BROADBAND SERVICES TO UNSERVED AREAS WITHIN THE AGENCIES' GEOGRAPHICAL OR TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES; TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-2630, RELATING TO TAX COLLECTIONS AND PAYMENTS BY GOVERNMENT-OWNED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-2650, RELATING TO LIABILITY INSURANCE RATES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-3010, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO ARTICLE 25, CHAPTER 9, TITLE 58, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO A CROSS REFERENCE; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 58-9-2660 AND 58-9-2670 RELATING TO PETITIONS TO DESIGNATE UNSERVED AREAS, AND EXEMPTIONS FOR GOVERNMENT-OWNED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS RECEIVING FUNDING FOR COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.

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