

## Session 113 - (1999-2000)

**H\*3276 (Rat #0191, Act #0112 of 1999) General Bill, By Wilkins, Altman, Bailey, Barrett, Battle, Bauer, Beck, G.A. Brown, H. Brown, Campsen, Carnell, Cato, Chellis, Cobb-Hunter, Cooper, Dantzler, Easterday, Edge, Gamble, Gilham, Hamilton, Harrell, Harrison, Jennings, Keegan, Kelley, Kirsh, Klauber, Lanford, Law, Leach, Lee, Loftis, Maddox, Martin, Mason, McGee, McKay, Meacham, Phillips, Quinn, Rice, Riser, Robinson, Rodgers, Sandifer, Seithel, Sharpe, Simrill, R. Smith, D. Smith, Stille, Tripp, Trotter, Walker, Whatley, Woodrum, Young-Brickell and Fleming**

**Similar (S 0329)**

**Summary:** Telecommunications providers, municipal corporations charges to; Public Service, Political Subdivisions

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 9 OF TITLE 58, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, AND EXPRESS COMPANIES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH AMOUNTS MAY BE CHARGED BY MUNICIPALITIES TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND FOR BUSINESS LICENSE TAXES IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT SUCH CHARGES ARE IMPOSED ON A COMPETITIVELY NEUTRAL AND NONDISCRIMINATORY BASIS, TO LIMIT OR RESTRICT THE IMPOSITION OF CERTAIN OTHER FEES AND TAXES ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES BY MUNICIPALITIES; TO PROVIDE A MAXIMUM RATE OF BUSINESS LICENSE TAX THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON RETAIL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES BY A MUNICIPALITY AFTER 2003 AND THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THAT MAXIMUM RATE; TO PROHIBIT A MUNICIPALITY FROM USING ITS AUTHORITY OVER THE PUBLIC STREETS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY AS A BASIS FOR ASSERTING OR EXERCISING CERTAIN REGULATORY CONTROL OVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES REGARDING MATTERS WITH THE JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OR THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION; TO ALLOW A COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY THAT IS OCCUPYING THE PUBLIC STREETS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY OF A MUNICIPALITY WITH ITS PERMISSION ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE TO CONTINUE USING THE PUBLIC STREETS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHOUT OBTAINING ADDITIONAL CONSENT; TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A MUNICIPALITY MAY ENFORCE AN ORDINANCE OR PRACTICE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; TO AUTHORIZE A TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT IN A MUNICIPAL CUSTOMER'S BILL THAT THE CUSTOMER'S MUNICIPALITY CHARGES A BUSINESS LICENSE TAX TO THE COMPANY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED PROCEDURAL AND OTHER MATTERS.-AMENDED TITLE

01/14/99	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-12
01/14/99	House	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-12
01/19/99	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: J.Smith
01/21/99	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Harris HJ-12
01/28/99	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Hinson HJ-15
02/02/99	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Knotts HJ-17
03/04/99	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Delleney HJ-17
03/11/99	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-2
03/24/99	House	Debate adjourned until Thursday, March 25, 1999 HJ-18
03/25/99	House	Debate interrupted HJ-18
03/25/99	House	Amended HJ-20
03/25/99	House	Read second time HJ-27
03/25/99	House	Roll call Yeas-98 Nays-10 HJ-27
03/30/99	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-11
03/31/99	Senate	Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference SJ-6
04/06/99	Senate	Amended SJ-11
04/06/99	Senate	Read second time SJ-11
04/06/99	Senate	Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments SJ-11
04/07/99	Senate	Amended SJ-18
04/13/99	Senate	Special order SJ-24
05/05/99	Senate	Amended SJ-14
05/05/99	Senate	Debate interrupted SJ-14
05/12/99	Senate	Amended SJ-53
05/12/99	Senate	Debate interrupted SJ-53
05/19/99	Senate	Debate interrupted SJ-61
05/20/99	Senate	Debate interrupted SJ-42

05/26/99	Senate	Debate interrupted
05/27/99	Senate	Amended SJ-155
05/27/99	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-155
06/03/99	House	Senate amendment amended HJ-30
06/03/99	House	Returned to Senate with amendments HJ-36
06/03/99	Senate	Non-concurrence in House amendment SJ-89
06/03/99	House	House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps. Cato, Sandifer and Lee HJ-66
06/03/99	Senate	Conference committee appointed Sens. Moore, Ravenel, Hutto SJ-22
06/23/99	House	Free conference powers granted HJ-92
06/23/99	House	Free conference committee appointed Reps. Cato, Sandifer and Lee HJ-92
06/23/99	House	Free conference report received and adopted HJ-94
06/24/99	Senate	Free conference powers granted SJ-19
06/24/99	Senate	Free conference committee appointed Sens. Moore, Hutto, Ravenel SJ-19
06/24/99	Senate	Free conference report received and adopted SJ-19
06/24/99	Senate	Ordered enrolled for ratification SJ-19
06/24/99		Ratified R 191
06/30/99		Signed By Governor
06/30/99		Effective date 06/30/99
07/14/99		Copies available
07/22/99		Act No. 112