



General Assembly

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LCO No. 625

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CERTIFICATION OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 16-247g of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

4 (a) (1) Any person may apply to the department for an initial
5 certificate of public convenience and necessity to offer and provide
6 intrastate telecommunications services. Such application shall include
7 such information as the department shall require, and any reasonable
8 fees, not to exceed actual cost, the department may prescribe, in
9 regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 54. The department may issue
10 such certificate and may, as a precondition to certification, require any
11 applicant to procure a performance bond sufficient to cover moneys
12 due or to become due to other telecommunications companies for the
13 provision of access to local telecommunications networks, to protect
14 any advances or deposits it may collect from its customers if the
15 department does not order that such advances or deposits be held in
16 escrow or trust, and to otherwise protect customers. Following receipt

17 of such application, the department [may approve or deny the
18 application after holding a hearing with notice to all interested parties]
19 shall give notice of such application to all interested parties. The
20 department shall approve or deny the application after providing the
21 opportunity for a hearing upon the request of any party.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2002

Statement of Purpose:

To remove the requirement for a public hearing to certify prospective telecommunications service providers requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity, instead requiring a hearing only upon the request of a party.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]