



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5205**

*February Session, 2002*

**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2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  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 may approve or deny the application after providing the

21 opportunity for a hearing upon the request of any person.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

**ET**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*