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LCO No. 3112



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING VIDEO AND CABLE PROVIDERS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) For the purposes of  
2 chapter 283 of the general statutes, "interconnected voice over Internet  
3 protocol service" or "interconnected VoIP service" means any service  
4 that: (1) Enables real-time, two-way voice communications that  
5 originate or terminate from the user's location using Internet protocol  
6 or a successor protocol; (2) uses a broadband connection from the  
7 user's location; and (3) permits users generally to receive calls that  
8 originate on the public-switched telephone network and to terminate  
9 calls to the public-switched telephone network.

10 (b) Except as set forth in subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this  
11 section, and notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or  
12 any special act, no department, authority, agency, commission or  
13 political subdivision of the state shall enact, adopt or enforce, either  
14 directly or indirectly, any law, rule, regulation, ordinance, standard,  
15 order or other provision having the force or effect of law that regulates  
16 or has the effect of regulating, the entry, rates, terms or conditions of

17 interconnected VoIP service.

18 (c) Subsection (b) of this section shall not be construed to affect the  
19 authority of the Attorney General to apply and enforce the Connecticut  
20 Unfair Trade Practices Act, sections 42-110a to 42-110q, inclusive, of  
21 the general statutes, or other consumer protection laws of general  
22 applicability.

23 (d) Subsection (b) of this section shall not be construed to affect,  
24 mandate or prohibit the assessment of enhanced 9-1-1 fees,  
25 telecommunications relay service fees or lifeline service fees, and  
26 nothing in subsection (b) of this section shall affect the authority of the  
27 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority pursuant to subsection (a) of  
28 section 16-247e or section 16-32e of the general statutes.

29 (e) Subsection (b) of this section shall not be construed to (1) modify  
30 or affect the rights, obligations or authority of any entity, including,  
31 but not limited to, the authority, to act pursuant to, or enforce the  
32 provisions of 47 USC 251, 47 USC 252, any applicable tariff, or any  
33 state law, rule, regulation or order related to wholesale rights, duties  
34 and obligations, including the rights, duties, and obligations of local  
35 exchange carriers to interconnect and exchange voice traffic; (2) modify  
36 or affect the power of the authority to implement, carry out, and  
37 enforce such provisions, tariff, rights, duties or obligations through  
38 arbitration proceedings or other available mechanisms and  
39 procedures; or (3) affect the payment of switched network access rates  
40 or other intercarrier compensation rates, as applicable.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To clarify the state's authority to regulate interconnected voice over Internet protocol service.

*[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.]*