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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1550, L.D. 2180, Bill, "An Act To Ensure the Integrity of Prepaid Calling Accounts"

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Amend the bill in section 1 in §7308 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 6 and 7 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

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'2. Prohibition on retroactive rate increase for prepaid calling services. A provider of prepaid calling services may not increase the rate charged for the quantity of service that the consumer purchased until the balance of the purchased service is consumed or expires in accordance with an expiration date of which the consumer had notice at the time of purchase. The quantity of service must be determined by the rates, terms and conditions in effect at the time of the purchase.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment clarifies the provision in the bill that prohibits the reduction in the value of a prepaid calling service after the time of service. The amendment specifies that the quantity of prepaid calling service must be determined by the rates, terms and conditions in effect at the time of purchase and the provider of such service is prohibited from increasing the rate charged for the service purchased until the service is consumed or expires in accordance with a known expiration date.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 2180

LR 3377(02)

An Act To Ensure the Integrity of Prepaid Calling Accounts

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "*A*"
Committee: Utilities and Energy
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs associated with this legislation can be absorbed by the Public Utilities Commission utilizing existing budgeted resources.