

HOUSE BILL No. 4709

May 20, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Bisbee, Sak, Ehardt, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Stallworth, Bradstreet, Amos, Stahl, Caswell, LaJoy, Stakoe, Lipsey, Gaffney, Garfield, Meyer, Nitz, Vagnozzi, Gleason, O'Neil and Palsrok and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

A bill to amend 1991 PA 179, entitled
"Michigan telecommunications act,"
(MCL 484.2101 to 484.2701) by adding section 364.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 364. (1) A telecommunication provider of basic local
2 exchange service shall not refuse to transfer or delay the
3 transfer of a basic local exchange service customer to another
4 provider of basic local exchange service.

5 (2) Within 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory
6 act that added this section, the commission shall establish by
7 order uniform statewide standards and procedures for the timely
8 transfer of customers between providers of basic local exchange
9 service, including uniform maximum time periods within which a
10 customer's current provider shall effect a transfer of the
11 customer to the customer's chosen new provider.

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1 (3) The procedures and time periods established under
2 subsection (2) shall be consistent with any applicable procedures
3 and time periods established by the federal communications
4 commission.

5 (4) Until the procedures and time periods are established
6 under subsection (2), a basic local exchange provider shall
7 perform all of the operations necessary for the timely transfer
8 of customers, in accordance with the performance standards and
9 measurements previously established by the commission for the
10 largest incumbent basic local exchange service provider in this
11 state.