

State Corporation Commission 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB204

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Alexander

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: **Unauthorized addition of telecommunications services; penalty.**

5. Summary: Unauthorized addition of products, goods, and services to a telephone bill. Prohibits a service provider or billing agent from willfully adding certain products, goods, or services not authorized by any customer, and charging or attempting to collect charges from any customer for any such products, goods, or services without the customer's authorization. A customer will not be liable for charges through a billing carrier by a service provider or a billing agent without the customer's authorization. The measure requires service providers and billing agents to obtain written, oral, or electronic verification of a customer's authorization before submitting charges for certain products, goods, or services to the billing carrier, and requires verification by an independent third party. A billing carrier may not bill for a service provider or billing agent that does not comply with the verification requirements.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: None.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Corporation Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None noted.

11. Other Comments: This legislation will have a minimal impact on the operations of the SCC's Division of Communications

Date: 2/18/10 S. Bradley/W. Irby