

State Corporation Commission 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB425

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Bulova

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Telephone carriers; third-party billing.

5. Summary: Telephone carriers; third-party billing. Prohibits a telephone company that issues a telephone bill to its customers from including on its bill charges for any products, goods, or services, other than those provided by the telephone company or its affiliate, unless the billing carrier has received (i) from the service provider or billing agent documentation evidencing that the service provider or billing agent provided the customer with disclosure of all material terms and conditions of their sale, including the fact that such charges shall appear on the customer's telephone bill, and (ii) from the customer a communication authorizing the billing carrier to bill him for the products, goods, or services on his telephone bill. The measure also requires both the billing carrier and the service provider or billing agent to verify the customer's authorization for such billing through an independent third party. Any charges for products, goods, or services that are included on the telephone bill without the customer's authorization are void and unenforceable.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None on the State Corporation Commission

8. Fiscal Implications: None on the State Corporation Commission

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments:

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