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SENATE BILL NO. 547

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor
on February 12, 1996)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Saslaw)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 56-241.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public service companies; flat and measured telephone rates; certain rates prohibited.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 56-241.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 56-241.1. Flat and measured telephone rates; certain rates prohibited.

~~The Commission shall not approve any mandatory tariff for local service of any telephone company~~
Every telephone company which offers dial tone line or substantially equivalent local service shall offer to its residential and business customers at least one offering of such service consisting of a single dial tone line, including associated usage, for the purpose of two-way voice communications within a local calling area at a flat rate unless there was no telephone company offering such a class of service at a flat rate in the local calling area on January 1, 1979. No residential or business customer shall be forced to accept local measured rate service for calling within a local calling area based on the number of calls, length of call, distance or time of day, not in effect on January 1, 1979. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the Commission from approving the voluntary tariff of any telephone company based on the number of calls, length of call, distance or time of day.

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