

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR OVERBILLING  
5 OF REGULATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF CHARGES; PROVIDING A 2-YEAR STATUTE OF  
6 LIMITATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSISTENCY WITH FEDERAL PROVISIONS."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Overbilling of regulated telecommunications tariff charges -- statute**  
11 **of limitations for recovery.** (1) A person or entity alleging overbilling of tariffed telecommunications charges  
12 by a regulated telecommunications company shall file the action before the commission or a court of competent  
13 jurisdiction within 2 years of the date of overbilling.

14 (2) This section is intended to be consistent with limitations on actions as provided in 47 U.S.C. 415.

15 (3) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

16 (a) "Overbilling" means presenting a bill to a customer of a regulated telecommunications company  
17 that includes charges that overstate the amount owed by the customer pursuant to the tariff for the service as  
18 approved by and on file with the commission.

19 (b) "Regulated telecommunications company" means all public utility companies that are regulated  
20 pursuant to 69-3-101(1)(f), Title 69, chapter 3, part 8, and 69-3-803(10).

21 (c) "Tariffed telecommunications charges" means all charges and fees for regulated services billed by  
22 a regulated telecommunications company as authorized by a tariff that has been approved by and filed with the  
23 commission.

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25 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
26 integral part of Title 69, chapter 3, part 2, and the provisions of Title 69, chapter 3, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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