

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 597

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF A BIG TECHNOLOGY
5 COMMUNICATION CORPORATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; DEFINING A BIG
6 TECHNOLOGY COMMUNICATION CORPORATION; PROVIDING THE COMMISSION THE AUTHORITY TO
7 FINE A BIG TECHNOLOGY COMMUNICATION CORPORATION FOR REFUSING OR POSTPONING A
8 MESSAGE; CREATING THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED LIBRARY ACCOUNT; DIRECTING FINES
9 TO BE USED FOR THE PROVISION OF LIBRARY SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR BLIND AND
10 VISUALLY IMPAIRED MONTANA CITIZENS; AND PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY."

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

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14 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Big technology communication corporation.** (1) A big technology
15 communication corporation is a corporation that facilitates communication between persons on a national or
16 international scale, including but not limited to social media companies, video or data hosting platforms, e-mail
17 carriers, and other messaging facilitators.

18 (2) A big technology communication corporation is subject to the regulatory authority of the
19 commission.

20 (3) The commission shall conduct expedited complaint proceedings involving big technology
21 communication corporation user disputes that include but are not limited to postponing or refusing to transmit a
22 message.

23 (4) A consumer whose message is postponed or refused contrary to the provisions of this chapter or
24 Title 69, chapter 11, part 3, may bring a complaint against the big technology communication corporation to the
25 commission. If the commission determines the consumer's message was refused or postponed in violation of
26 this section, the commission may levy a fine against the big technology communication corporation.

27 (5) The commission may adopt rules to implement this section.
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