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HOUSE BILL 164

Short Title: Alternative Operator Services.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Redwine; and Bowman.

Referred to: Infrastructure.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REGULATE ALTERNATIVE OPERATOR SERVICES.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 Section 1. Chapter 62 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
5 section to read:

6 "**§ 62-110.4. Alternate Operator Services.**

7 (a) The General Assembly finds that a growing number of companies provide, in
8 a nonresidential setting, telecommunications services necessary to long distance service
9 without disclosing the services provided or the rate, charge, or fee. The General
10 Assembly finds that provision of these services without disclosure to consumers is an
11 unfair or deceptive trade practice, as defined in Chapter 75 of the General Statutes.

12 (b) If the Commission issues a certificate of convenience and necessity to any
13 alternate operator services company, the Commission shall by rule require, at a
14 minimum, that any telecommunications company, operating as or contracting with an
15 alternative operator services company, assure appropriate disclosure to consumers of the
16 provision and the rate, charge, or fee of services provided by an alternate operator
17 services company. For purposes of this section, 'alternate operator services company'
18 means a person providing a connection to intrastate or interstate long-distance services
19 from places including hotels, motels, hospitals, and customer-owned pay telephones.
20 For purposes of this section the term 'alternate operator services' shall not mean any
21 local exchange telephone company with a certificate of convenience and necessity from
22 the Commission."

23 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.