



S.F. No. 2224 – VOIP Service Areas (as amended by the A-1 Delete Everything Amendment)

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S.F. 2224 creates a new section of law in section 237.181 and exempts telephone companies or telecommunications carriers from offering services to certain areas.

Subdivision 1 defines the terms “commission” and “voice over internet protocol.”

Subdivision 2 provides that telephone companies or telecommunications carriers are not required to offer services to certain areas if:

- (1) The FCC has identified a provider that can offer wireline broadband access capable of carrying VOIP services in the area; or
- (2) There is an FCC approved adequate replacement available in the area.

A telephone company or telecommunications carrier that is not required to offer service in an area must notify the Public Utilities Commission and the impacted customers.

Subdivision 3 requires the Public Utilities Commission to resolve any disputes over whether a location has service available under subdivision 2.

Subdivision 4 authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to reinstate existing obligations to provide services to customers.

