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03/06/2025	662	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection
03/24/2025		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate

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A bill for an act

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relating to commerce; relieving telephone companies or telecommunications

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carriers of the obligation to serve certain areas; requiring the Office of Broadband

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Development to resolve disputes; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota

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Statutes, chapter 237.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. [237.181] SERVICE TO AREAS WITH CARRY VOICE OVER

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INTERNET PROTOCOL SERVICES.

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Subdivision 1. Service requirement. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision in this

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chapter, a telephone company or telecommunications carrier is not required to offer services

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in an area the Federal Communications Commission has identified through mapping or a

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successor data program as having telecommunications infrastructure available to carry voice

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over Internet protocol services.

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(b) A telephone company or telecommunications carrier that is not required to offer

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service in an area pursuant to paragraph (a) must: (1) notify the Public Utilities Commission

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that the telephone company or telecommunications carrier is not offering service in the area

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pursuant to paragraph (a); and (2) notify the relevant customers of the process under

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subdivision 2 to dispute whether the Federal Communications Commission identified the

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customer's location as having telecommunications infrastructure available to carry voice

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over Internet protocol services.

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Subd. 2. Dispute resolution. (a) The Office of Broadband Development established

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under section 116J.39 must resolve a dispute over whether a federal data program shows a

2.1 location as having telecommunications infrastructure available to carry voice over Internet  
2.2 protocol services.

2.3 (b) A customer that disputes whether a federal data program shows a location as having  
2.4 telecommunications infrastructure available to carry voice over Internet protocol services  
2.5 must send a letter or email notifying the Office of Broadband Development of the dispute.  
2.6 Within five business days of the date the dispute notice is received, the Office of Broadband  
2.7 Development must notify the relevant telephone company or telecommunications carrier.

2.8 (c) The telephone company or telecommunications carrier must respond to the customer's  
2.9 letter or email within five business days of the date the Office of Broadband Development  
2.10 provided notice under paragraph (b).

2.11 (d) The state broadband director must resolve the dispute within 15 business days of the  
2.12 date the telephone company or telecommunications carrier responds to the customer's dispute  
2.13 letter or email, or the deadline to respond under paragraph (c), whichever is earlier. The  
2.14 state broadband director must determine whether the Federal Communications Commission  
2.15 identified the area as having telecommunications infrastructure available to carry voice over  
2.16 Internet protocol services.

2.17 (e) If the state broadband director determines the Federal Communications Commission  
2.18 identified the area as having telecommunications infrastructure available to carry voice over  
2.19 Internet protocol services, the telephone company or telecommunications carrier is relieved  
2.20 of any obligation to serve the disputed location. This paragraph does not relieve the telephone  
2.21 company or telecommunications carrier from providing services under any applicable federal  
2.22 obligation.

2.23 (f) If the state broadband director determines that the Federal Communications  
2.24 Commission identified the location as not having telecommunications infrastructure available  
2.25 to carry voice over Internet protocol services, the telephone company or telecommunications  
2.26 carrier is not relieved of any obligation to serve the disputed location.