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H.B. No. 3753

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to telecommunications service discounts for educational institutions, libraries, hospitals, and telemedicine centers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 58.258(a), Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding the pricing flexibility authorized by this subtitle, an electing company's rates for private network services may not be increased before January 1, 2024 [~~2016~~]. However, an electing company may increase a rate in accordance with the provisions of a customer specific contract.

SECTION 2. Section 58.268, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 58.268. CONTINUATION OF OBLIGATION. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, an electing company shall continue to comply with this subchapter until January 1, 2024 [~~2016~~], regardless of[+]

~~(1)]~~ the date the company elected under this chapter[+]  
~~or~~

~~(2) any action taken in relation to that company under Chapter 65].~~

SECTION 3. Section 59.077(a), Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding the pricing flexibility authorized by

1 this subtitle, an electing company's rates for private network  
2 services may not be increased before January 1, 2024 [2016].

3 SECTION 4. Section 59.083, Utilities Code, is amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 59.083. CONTINUATION OF OBLIGATION. Notwithstanding  
6 any other provision of this title, an electing company shall  
7 continue to comply with this subchapter until January 1, 2024  
8 [~~2016~~], regardless of[÷

9 ~~(1)]~~ the date the company elected under this chapter[÷  
10 ~~or~~

11 ~~(2) any action taken in relation to that company under~~  
12 ~~Chapter 65]~~.

13 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.