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Overview

This bill streamlines current law with regard to promotions of telecommunications services, and adds specific statutory authority for telephone companies to offer packages of services.

Section

1 Promotion activities.

Subd. 1. Promotions. Amends current law to relieve a telephone company of the requirement to file cost information with a promotion tariff, but allows the department of commerce, the office of attorney general or the public utilities commission to request that information if the information is needed to determine whether the promotion complies with legal requirements.

Subd. 2. Bundled service. Authorizes a telephone company to offer service packages consisting of regulated and unregulated services, and to establish the prices, terms and conditions of that package if:

- ▶ each telecommunications service subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the commission is available on a stand-alone basis;
- ▶ the packaged rate or price does not exceed the sum of the prices of the individual components of the package; and
- ▶ the telephone company lists all regulated and unregulated services included in a

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package.

- 2** **AFOR statutes.** Strikes the repeal of the alternative form of regulations (AFOR) statutes, which were set to expire in 2006.
- 3** **Effective date.** Makes sections 1 and 2 effective as of June 1, 2003.