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## Bill Summary

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House File 2767 repeals several statutes in Chapter 237 governing telecommunications regulations. Sections 1 and 2 of the bill are conforming changes that remove statutory references to the repealed sections of law. The statutes repealed in section 3 are:

**237.03 Scope of law.** States that laws revised in 1905 regarding railroad and express companies also apply to telephone companies, to the extent possible.

**237.068 Multiparty line telephone service.** Prohibits more than two subscribers on a multiparty line.

**237.44 Telegraph line; liability.** States that any person operating a telegraph line that fails to transmit a message within a reasonable time after it is received is liable to civil action.

**237.45. Telephone and telegraph lines constructed.** Authorizes persons, co-partnerships and associations to construct and operate telephone and telegraph lines, and to enjoy the same rights and privileges as corporations that do so.

**237.37 Definitions.** Defines terms related to competitive services.

**237.59. Classification of competitive service; hearing.** Regulates telecommunications services subject to “emerging competition.”

**237.75 CLASS service.** Requires the commission to determine the terms and conditions of a service known as “custom local areas signaling service” that provided certain features, such as automatic call back, call waiting, and caller ID.