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Bill Summary

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Overview

House File 2517 repeals several sections of Minnesota Rules governing telephone companies.

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1 Repealer. The bill proposes repealing rules in Chapter 7810 applicable to telephone companies in the following areas:

- .0100: Definitions of terms including "exchange," "business service," "long distance telephone company," "local calling area," and "tariff."
- .0700: Establishing required content of meter reading records when meters are used in connection with telecommunication services.
- .3400: Prohibiting a utility from connecting more customers on a line than the grade of service allows.
- .3500: Requiring circuits connecting exchanges to be nongrounded.
- .3600: Requiring all grounded telephone lines to be converted to nongrounded.

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- .3700: Establishing full selected ringing for all telecommunication services as a goal.
- .3800: Prohibiting the provision of switching services to lines not meeting technical specifications, and establishing the goal of eliminating non-conforming switching by 1985.
- .4200: Requiring telephone utilities to have equipment to test metering/recording equipment where billing is based on the duration of messages, or to arrange for third-party testing.
- .4400: Requiring telephone meters and recording devices to be tested prior to installation.
- .4500: Requiring telephone meters and recording devices to be tested in "as found" condition.
- .4600: Requiring telephone utilities to develop routine testing and maintenance procedures for telephone meters and recording devices.
- .4700: Requiring records of tests of telephone meters and recording devices to be maintained for two years.
- .4800: Allowing a customer to request a test of a telephone meter or recording device, and to appeal disputes to the Public Utilities Commission.
- .5600: Setting minimum transmission objectives based on telephone sets connected to a 48-volt dial central office and measured at a frequency of 1,000 cycles per second.
- .6900: Defining terms such as "depreciation," "amortization," and "salvage."
- .8760: Requiring content of a notice for individually priced emerging competitive service.

The bill also repeals all rules in Chapter 7815 relating to community calling plans.