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Section

- 1 **Summary of appropriations.** Summarizes direct appropriations/reductions by fund.
- 2 **Commerce and public utilities commission appropriations and reductions.** Explains meanings of general terms used in the act.
- 3 **Department of Commerce.** Lists appropriations, cancellations and transfers.
- 4 **Public Utilities Commission.** Directs the commissioner of finance to transfer \$4 million from the telephone assistance fund (section 237.701) to the general fund before July 31, 2008 .
- 5 **[16B.328] Subd. 3. Standards for state-funded outdoor lighting fixtures.** Establishes standards for replacing or installing outdoor lighting fixtures, and conditions for exemptions from the standards.
- 6 **[609.531] Subd. 1. Definitions.** Expands the definition of "appropriate agency" to include the Department of Commerce's Division of Insurance Fraud Prevention.
- 7 **State video franchising study.**

Subd. 1. Study contents. Directs the department of commerce to contract for a study of the impact of legislation enacted in at least three states requiring video franchises to be issued by a state agency rather than municipalities. Specifies the contents of the study.

Subd. 2. Report. Requires the department to submit a report to the legislature on the study required under subdivision 1 by February 1, 2009 .

- 8 **Broadband mapping project.**

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Subd. 1. Project. Directs the commissioner of commerce to contract for a study that produces a comprehensive statewide inventory and mapping of existing broadband service and capability.

Subd. 2. Mapping. Requires that data be collected from broadband providers and entered into a Geographic Information System to produce maps that show, for any geographical entity, areas served and unserved by broadband providers, the location of towers used to transmit and receive broadband signals, actual upstream and downstream transmission speeds, and other information.

Specifies that the data must be capable of being integrated with demographic data so that different levels of broadband service can be viewed in relation to various demographic characteristics. While the maps are public data, the information provided by providers to compile them is nonpublic data.