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Overview

This bill makes several changes in state regulation of telecommunications companies.

- 1 Competitive are; defined.** Expands the definition of “competitive area to include all of Minnesota. This involves the 2004 reduced rate regulation law referenced in section 3 below.
- 2 Promotion activities.**
 - Subd. 1. Promotions.** Eliminates some restrictions on promotional activities by telephone companies and telecommunications carriers. Eliminates language relating to them filing cost reports on promotional activities with state regulators.
 - Subd. 2. Bundled services.** For bundled telecommunications services, eliminates the requirement that a tariff describe the non-telecommunications components of a bundled package.
 - Subd. 3. Promotions available for resale.** Requires that telecommunications promotional offerings lasting more than 90 days be available for resale to other carriers, governed by a contract between the company that offers the promotion and the company that resells it.
- 3 Rules superseded.** Makes specified state rules that are inconsistent with section 2 inapplicable.
- 4 Repealer.** Repeals an expiration date on 2004 legislation involving reduced rate regulation on local phone service provided to business customers that use four or more phone lines. Under current law, it would expire August 1, 2010.
- 5 Effective date.** Makes all three sections effective the day following final enactment.

