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COMMERCE AND REGULATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to telephone service by including certain
2 blocking features within the definition of basic local
3 telephone service and giving legal representatives of
4 customers certain rights.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 476.96, subsection 2, Code 2001, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. j. Directory assistance blocking.

4 NEW PARAGRAPH. k. Collect-call blocking.

5 NEW PARAGRAPH. l. Long-distance operator blocking.

6 NEW PARAGRAPH. m. Nonbasic communications services
7 blocking.

8 Sec. 2. Section 476.96, Code 2001, is amended by adding
9 the following new subsection:

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. "Customer" means a subscriber of
11 telephone services from a telecommunications company who
12 receives a bill from and is authorized to transact with the
13 telecommunications company regarding basic local telephone
14 service issues and nonbasic communications services, or the
15 legally appointed representative of the customer authorized to
16 act on the customer's behalf by virtue of a power of attorney,
17 court-ordered guardianship or conservatorship, or other legal
18 document or court order.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill amends Code section 476.96, which provides
21 definitions regarding telecommunications service.

22 The bill adds the blocking of directory assistance calls,
23 collect calls, long-distance operator calls, and nonbasic
24 communications services to the definition of "basic local
25 telephone service". Nonbasic communications services are
26 communications services that are not basic, including any
27 service offered by the local exchange carrier for the first
28 time after July 1, 1995.

29 The bill also defines "customer" to include not only the
30 subscriber of the telephone services, but also any legally
31 appointed representative of the customer who is authorized to
32 make decisions regarding basic and nonbasic telephone services
33 for the customer.

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