

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4305

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require telephone carriers to completely and accurately itemize charges and taxes collected with telephone bills.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 1998

Ms. RIVERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ACCURATE TELEPHONE BILLING REQUIRED.**

4 Section 201 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
5 U.S.C. 201) is amended by adding at the end the following
6 new subsection:

7 “(c) ACCURATE BILLING REQUIRED.—Notwithstand-
8 ing section 2(b), the Commission shall prescribe regula-
9 tions to require common carriers to provide to its cus-

1 tomers a complete and accurate itemization of all charges,
2 fees, and taxes collected with any bill for telephone toll
3 service or telephone exchange service. Such itemization
4 shall include the amount collected for purposes of making
5 contributions for Federal and State support of universal
6 service. Such regulations shall require, at such interval as
7 the Commission may prescribe, a chart or other descrip-
8 tion of the amounts collected by the carrier and the pur-
9 poses for which such amounts are expended, and a state-
10 ment of the extent to which the amounts collected are re-
11 quired by other authorities or are determined by the car-
12 rier. The Commission may not forbear from the applying
13 the requirements of this section or such regulations under
14 section 10 of this Act.”.

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