

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3022

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to improve the disclosure of information concerning telephone charges, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 5, 1999

Mr. MARKEY 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rest of the Truth in
5 Telephone Billing Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. TELEPHONE BILLING PRACTICES.**

7 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 258 of the Communica-
8 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 258) is amended by adding
9 at the end the following new subsection:

1 “(c) TRUTH-IN-BILLING.—A telecommunications
2 carrier that is required to contribute to, or that is other-
3 wise assessed for, or that receives any subsidy derived
4 from, any support mechanism under section 254, or any
5 other governmental mechanism, fund, tax, or program,
6 shall identify on each subscriber’s bill—

7 “(1)(A) the identity of the governmental mecha-
8 nism, fund, tax, or program to which the contribu-
9 tion or assessment is made, and the identity of the
10 governmental authority whose rules require or au-
11 thorize the contribution or assessment;

12 “(B) the identity of any governmental mecha-
13 nism, fund, tax, or program from which the sub-
14 scriber receives a subsidy, and the identity of the
15 governmental authority whose rules require or au-
16 thorize the subsidy;

17 “(2) the basis for the contribution, assessment,
18 or subsidy (such as per subscriber, per line, or per-
19 centage of some or all charges or revenues); and

20 “(3)(A) as a separate line-item, the dollar
21 amount that is being attributed to and collected
22 from such subscriber for such governmental mecha-
23 nism, fund, tax, or program; and

1 “(B) the average amount per month by which
2 the subscriber’s service is reduced by any subsidy
3 identified under paragraph (1)(B).”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 258 is fur-
5 ther amended by striking the designation and heading of
6 such section and inserting the following:

7 **“SEC. 258. BILLING PRACTICES.”.**

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