

By: Murr

H.B. No. 1597

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1597:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1597

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to tariff filing requirements for certain
3 telecommunications providers.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 52.251, Utilities Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (a-1), (c), and (d) and amending Subsection (b)
7 to read as follows:

8 (a-1) An affiliate or trade association may file the tariff
9 required under Subsection (a) on behalf of the public utility.

10 (b) The public utility, affiliate, or trade association
11 shall file as a part of the tariff required under Subsection (a)
12 each rule that relates to or affects:

- 13 (1) a rate of the utility; or
14 (2) a utility service, product, or commodity furnished
15 by the utility.

16 (c) The tariff filing is considered approved if the
17 commission does not approve or deny the tariff filing or request
18 supplemental information from the public utility, affiliate, or
19 trade association that filed the tariff before the 60th day after
20 receiving the tariff filing.

21 (d) If the commission requests supplemental information
22 from the public utility, affiliate, or trade association under
23 Subsection (c), the utility, affiliate, or association must provide
24 the commission with the supplemental information not later than the

1 15th day after receiving the request from the commission. If the
2 commission does not approve or deny the tariff filing before the
3 30th day after the commission receives the supplemental
4 information, the tariff filing is considered approved.

5 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
6 a tariff filed under Section [52.251](#), Utilities Code, as amended by
7 this Act, on or after the effective date of this Act. A tariff filed
8 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
9 effect on the date the tariff was filed, and the former law is
10 continued in effect for that purpose.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.