

1-1 By: Murr, Lambert, Spiller H.B. No. 1597
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Sparks)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2023;
 1-4 May 2, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
 1-5 & Commerce; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to tariff filing requirements for certain
 1-23 telecommunications providers.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 52.251, Utilities Code, is amended by
 1-26 adding Subsections (a-1), (c), and (d) and amending Subsection (b)
 1-27 to read as follows:

1-28 (a-1) An affiliate or trade association may file the tariff
 1-29 required under Subsection (a) on behalf of the public utility.

1-30 (b) The public utility, affiliate, or trade association
 1-31 shall file as a part of the tariff required under Subsection (a)
 1-32 each rule that relates to or affects:

1-33 (1) a rate of the utility; or

1-34 (2) a utility service, product, or commodity furnished
 1-35 by the utility.

1-36 (c) The tariff filing is considered approved if the
 1-37 commission does not approve or deny the tariff filing or request
 1-38 supplemental information from the public utility, affiliate, or
 1-39 trade association that filed the tariff before the 60th day after
 1-40 receiving the tariff filing.

1-41 (d) If the commission requests supplemental information
 1-42 from the public utility, affiliate, or trade association under
 1-43 Subsection (c), the utility, affiliate, or association must provide
 1-44 the commission with the supplemental information not later than the
 1-45 15th day after receiving the request from the commission. If the
 1-46 commission does not approve or deny the tariff filing before the
 1-47 30th day after the commission receives the supplemental
 1-48 information, the tariff filing is considered approved.

1-49 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-50 a tariff filed under Section 52.251, Utilities Code, as amended by
 1-51 this Act, on or after the effective date of this Act. A tariff filed
 1-52 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
 1-53 effect on the date the tariff was filed, and the former law is
 1-54 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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