

Amend SB 21 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill as appropriate:

SECTION \_\_. Chapter 64, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. TRUTH IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILLING

Sec. 64.251. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "commercial mobile service provider" means a provider of commercial mobile service as defined by Section 332(d), Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. Section 151 et seq.), Federal Communications Commission rules, and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Pub. L. No. 103-66).

Sec. 64.252. BILLING STATEMENT. (a) A commercial mobile service provider or a telecommunications provider may include only the following in a customer's bill:

(1) applicable charges for service and options requested by the customer; and

(2) taxes imposed by a governmental entity specifically on the customer.

(b) A customer's bill may not contain a fee, charge, or tax unless state or federal law:

(1) requires the customer to pay the fee, charge, or tax; or

(2) authorizes a commercial mobile service provider or a telecommunications provider to include the fee, charge, or tax in a customer's bill.

(c) A violation of this section is a false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice within the meaning of Section 17.46, Business & Commerce Code, and is actionable in a public suit brought under Subchapter E, Chapter 17, Business & Commerce Code.