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S.B. No. 1708

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to information that must be included on prepaid calling cards.

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

SECTION 1. Section 55.253, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The commission by rule shall require each prepaid calling card company to include on every prepaid calling card sold in this state, in reasonably legible type, a statement informing consumers of the option to file a complaint with the commission and of the toll-free telephone number established by the commission for the purpose of providing additional information regarding the complaint process and for receiving complaints.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, but not later than January 1, 2010, the Public Utility Commission of Texas shall adopt rules as required by Section 55.253(e), Utilities Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.