

April 3, 2003

S 801. PROHIBITED TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENTS. PROHIBITING EXCLUSIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS OR ARRANGEMENTS. Enacts new GS 62-328 prohibiting regulated telecommunications services providers from entering into arrangements that restrict or limit the ability of another regulated telecommunications service provider to obtain easements or right-of-way for installation of telecommunications facilities or equipment or offer incentives to property owners to restrict access to property by another telecommunications service provider. Does not prohibit user of telecommunications service from entering into lawful agreement with provider with respect to user's own telecommunications service. Imposes civil and criminal penalties for violation.

Intro. by Hoyle.

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S 801. INVESTIGATE CERTAIN TELECOM. ACTIVITIES (NEW). Intro. 4/3/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes proposed new GS 62-328, prohibiting exclusive telecommunications service provider agreements. Adds new sections 1 and 2 requiring that NC Utilities Comm'n investigate whether certain telecommunications service providers are unreasonably restricting competitors from obtaining easements or rights-of-way necessary to provide telecommunications services and that Comm'n report the results of its investigation to the Jt. Legis. Utility Review Comm. no later than 90 days from effective date of act.