

April 3, 2003

S 814. AMEND PUBLIC LAWS-1. AMENDING THE PUBLIC LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA. Blank bill.
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April 29, 2003

S 814. CLARIFY COMPET. TELECOMMUNICATIONS STATUTES (NEW). Intro. 4/3/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Replaces blank bill. Amends GS 62-2 to provide that the following services provided by public utilities are sufficiently competitive and no longer require regulation by the NC Utilities Comm'n: (1) intraLATA long distance service, (2) interLATA long distance service, and (3) long distance operator services. Also clarifies that policy regarding public utilities set out in the statute are applicable to common carriers only to the extent the policies are consistent with the provisions of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1985. Amends GS 62-133.5 regarding the alternative regulation of telecommunications utilities to specify that, if the Comm'n disapproves a local exchange company's application to modify its existing form of price regulation, the company may elect to continue to operate under its then existing plan. Also specifies that, in determining whether a price regulation plan is consistent with public interest, the Comm'n cannot consider the company's past or present earnings or rates of return. Provides that the Comm'n cannot tariff or otherwise regulate fees charged by local exchange companies applicable to charges for returned checks, and specifies that local exchange companies do not need Comm'n approval to offer special promotions with price discounts that apply exclusively to services not regulated by the Comm'n. Also specifies the provisions in GS Ch. 62 that do not apply to local exchange companies subject to price regulation under GS 62-133.5(a).

May 8, 2003

S 814. CLARIFY COMPET. TELECOMMUNICATIONS STATUTES. Intro. 4/3/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends GS 62-2(b) to clarify that term "long distance services" does not include existing or future extended area service, local measured service, or other local call arrangements, and to require that future extended area service be implemented in accordance with applicable NC Utilities Comm'n rules in existence as of May 1, 2003. Also amends GS 62-133.5(f) to provide that Comm'n's complaint authority under GS 62-73 (complaints against public utilities) and subsection (e) (allegations of anticompetitive activity) is applicable to any promotion or bundled service offering filed or offered under subsection.

May 14, 2003

S 814. CLARIFY COMPET. TELECOMMUNICATIONS STATUTES. Intro. 4/3/03. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends the bill by adding the following to GS 62-2(b): "A public utility providing such services shall be permitted, at its own election, to file and maintain tariffs for such services with the Commission up to and including September 1, 2003."

June 3, 2003

SL 2003-91 (S 814). CLARIFY COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS STATUTES. AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW REGARDING COMPETITIVE AND DEREGULATED OFFERINGS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/29/03, 5/8/03, and 5/13/03. Enacted May 30, 2003. Effective May 30, 2003.