



2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 172

March 12, 2007 - Introduced by Representatives RHOADES, ALBERS, BALLWEG, BERCEAU, GRONEMUS, GUNDERSON, LEMAHIEU, MUSSER, A. OTT, PETROWSKI and TOLES, cosponsored by Senators HARS DORF, KREITLOW, LASSA, A. LASEE and RISSER. Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

1 **AN ACT to create** 134.435 of the statutes; **relating to:** acquisitions of mobile
2 telephone service providers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, if a mobile telephone service provider acquires another mobile telephone service provider, the acquiring provider may not require a customer of the acquired provider to obtain new telephone equipment in order to continue to receive service or to increase the monthly minutes of service provided to the customer. Also, the acquiring provider must permit a customer of the acquired provider to terminate any contractual obligation to the acquiring provider if the customer gives notice within 60 days after the date on which the customer first receives a bill from the acquiring provider.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 134.435 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **134.435 Mobile telephone service providers; acquisitions.** (1) In this
5 section:
6 (a) "Commercial mobile service" has the meaning given in 47 USC 332 (d).

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1 (b) "Mobile telephone service provider" means a person that is authorized by
2 the federal communications commission to provide commercial mobile service.

3 (2) If a mobile telephone service provider acquires another mobile telephone
4 service provider, all of the following apply:

5 (a) The acquiring mobile telephone service provider may not require a customer
6 of the acquired mobile telephone service provider to obtain new telephone equipment
7 in order to do any of the following:

8 1. Continue to receive commercial mobile service.

9 2. Increase the monthly minutes of commercial mobile service provided to the
10 customer.

11 (b) The acquiring mobile telephone service provider shall permit a customer of
12 the acquired mobile telephone service provider to terminate any contractual
13 obligation to the acquiring mobile telephone service provider without penalty, if the
14 customer gives notice to the acquiring mobile telephone service provider within 60
15 days after the date on which the customer first receives a bill from the acquiring
16 mobile telephone service provider.

17 (END)