2001 SENATE BILL 21

January 19, 2001 – Introduced by Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules. Referred to Committee on Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs.

- 1 AN ACT *to amend* 196.218 (3) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** universal service
- fund surcharges on customer bills by commercial mobile radio service providers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with certain exceptions, a telecommunications provider is required to contribute to the universal service fund. In addition, a telecommunications provider may not establish a surcharge on customer bills to collect the contributions to the universal service fund. This bill allows a telecommunications provider that is a commercial mobile radio service provider to establish a surcharge on customer bills to collect the contributions that the commercial mobile radio service provider is required to make to the universal service fund.

This bill is introduced as required by s. 227.26 (2) (f), stats., in support of the action of the joint committee for review of administrative rules in suspending section PSC 160.18 (10), Wis. Adm. Code, a rule of the public service commission (PSC), on October 11, 2000. The suspended rule required the PSC to send bills to commercial mobile radio service providers for collecting universal service fund contributions.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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| 1 | SECTION 1. 196.218 (3) (e) of the statutes is amended to read: |
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| 2 | 196.218 (3) (e) Except as provided in s. 196.196 (2) (d), a telecommunications |
| 3 | provider or other person, except for a commercial mobile radio service provider, may |
| 4 | not establish a surcharge on customers' bills to collect from customers contributions |
| 5 | required under this subsection. |
| 6 | (END) |