

2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 772

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 196.202 (2); and **to create** 196.202 (4) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** regulation of commercial mobile radio service providers and granting
3 rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law defines a commercial mobile radio service provider (CMRSP) as a person authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to provide commercial mobile service. A CMRSP is commonly referred to as a “wireless communications company.” Under current law, CMRSPs are generally exempt from regulation by the Public Service Commission (PSC). There are two exceptions to this exemption. First, if the PSC promulgates rules that make CMRSPs eligible for funding under both state and federal universal service programs, then CMRSPs must contribute to the state’s universal service fund. Current law requires certain telecommunications providers to make contributions to the state’s universal service fund, which is used for promoting access to telecommunications service, as well as for other purposes. Second, current law prohibits a CMRSP from charging a customer for an incomplete call.

This bill eliminates the first exception described above. In addition, the bill allows the PSC to promulgate rules for designating a CMRSP, upon petitioning the

