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3 HOUSE BILL 1599

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to municipalities; amending 11 O.S.
8 2021, Section 22-107.1, which relates to regulation
9 of video services systems; modifying definition; and
10 providing an effective date.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 22-107.1, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 22-107.1 A. A municipality may by ordinance or
15 otherwise grant a certificate, license, permit or franchise for the
16 operation of a video services system, unless such authority is
17 already provided for by law. Any certificate, license, permit or
18 franchise granted pursuant to this section shall constitute a
19 bargained contract between the municipality and the video services
20 provider and shall provide for a consideration payment to the
21 municipality as rental for the privileges granted to the provider to
22 use the public ways and grounds within the municipality in
23 furtherance of its video services business. The rental payment
24 shall be set at the amount bargained between the municipality and

1 the video services provider but shall not exceed five percent (5%)
2 of the annual gross revenues derived by the video services provider
3 from the provision of video services within the municipality. Any
4 certificate, license, permit or franchise issued by the governing
5 body shall be nonexclusive and shall not exceed a period of twenty-
6 five (25) years and may be revocable by the governing body if said
7 body determines that the holder of the certificate, license, permit
8 or franchise has willfully failed or neglected to perform duties
9 pursuant to the terms of the grant of the certificate, license,
10 permit or franchise. Nothing herein shall limit the authority of a
11 municipality to comply with state or federal law.

12 B. In the event a municipality grants an overlapping
13 certificate, license, permit or franchise for video services within
14 its jurisdiction on terms or conditions more favorable or less
15 burdensome than those in any existing certificate, license, permit
16 or franchise within the municipality the holder of the existing
17 certificate, license, permit or franchise shall be entitled, upon
18 written notice to the municipality, to adopt the terms in the
19 overlapping certificate, license, permit or franchise that are more
20 favorable or less burdensome than those in the existing certificate,
21 license, permit or franchise and the adopted terms shall become
22 enforceable by the municipality.

23 C. In addition to any other authority granted to municipalities
24 by this section or other applicable law, a municipality may also

1 adopt an ordinance regulating a video services system pursuant to
2 its police power. No municipal provisions regulating a video
3 services system may be adopted which are inconsistent with either
4 state or federal law or with the terms and conditions of the
5 certificate, license, permit or franchise bargained by the
6 municipality and the video services provider.

7 D. In awarding or renewing a certificate, license, permit or
8 franchise for video services, a municipality may require adequate
9 assurance that the video services system provider will provide
10 adequate public, educational, and governmental access channel
11 capacity, facilities or financial support. A video services system
12 provider may, at its sole option, provide a "family friendly" tier
13 of video services in lieu of channel capacity, facilities, or
14 financial support for public access as a condition of any
15 certificate, license, permit or franchise for video services or
16 renewal thereof. Nothing herein shall affect any channel capacity,
17 facilities, or financial support for educational or governmental
18 access contained in any certificate, license, permit or franchise
19 for video services or renewal thereof.

20 E. A "family friendly" tier of services is a group of channels,
21 offered to customers pursuant to Federal Communications Commission
22 (FCC) regulations, that primarily contains programming with a
23 television viewing rating of TV-Y, TV-Y7 or TV-G.

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1 F. "Video services" means video programming, including cable
2 services, provided through wireline facilities located at least in
3 part in the public rights-of-way without regard to the delivery
4 technology, including Internet protocol technology. "Video
5 services" shall not include video programming provided ~~by a~~:

6 1. By a commercial mobile service provider as defined in 47
7 U.S.C., Section 332(d);

8 2. By a provider of direct broadcast satellite service as
9 defined in 47 U.S.C., Section 335(b)(5)(A);

10 3. By a provider of digital audiovisual works delivered over
11 the Internet, including streaming content; or ~~provided solely~~

12 4. Solely as part of and via a service that enables users to
13 access content, information, electronic mail, messaging and other
14 services offered over the public Internet.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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