
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
JANUARY 15, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for voluntary suspension of
3 service.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 3020. Voluntary suspension of service.

9 (a) General rule.--At the request of the customer, telephone
10 service providing residential service may be temporarily
11 suspended without loss of the telephone number for a period of
12 one month up to a maximum of one year.

13 (b) Information.--Prior to the suspension of telephone
14 service under this section, the customer requesting a voluntary
15 suspension of service shall be provided information stating that
16 during the voluntary suspension of service the telephone line
17 will not be operational.

18 (c) Telephone number.--The customer's right to retain the

1 customer's telephone number during a period of voluntary
2 suspension of service is subject to the telephone company's
3 right to change numbers under circumstances which would have
4 called for a number change while the telephone service was
5 active.

6 (d) Rate.--

7 (1) A voluntary suspension of service rate may be
8 charged during this period of voluntary suspension. The
9 voluntary suspension of service rate may not exceed \$5 per
10 month.

11 (2) No other rates, fees or charges may be imposed for a
12 voluntary suspension of service.

13 (3) A voluntary suspension of service rate shall be
14 adopted as a separate tariff.

15 (e) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
16 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
17 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 "Basic service." The transmission of messages or
19 communications by telephone between points within a local
20 calling area as established in the tariff of an LEC.

21 "LEC or local exchange carrier." A public utility which
22 provides basic service either exclusively or in addition to toll
23 service.

24 "Residential service." Telephone service supplied to a
25 dwelling, including service provided to a location used for both
26 residential and commercial purposes if no concurrent commercial
27 service is provided. The term does not include telephone service
28 provided to a hotel or motel.

29 "Telephone company." A public utility which provides
30 telephone service subject to the jurisdiction of the commission.

1 "Telephone service." Transmission of messages or
2 telecommunications by telephone. The term includes basic service
3 and toll service.

4 "Toll service." The transmission of messages or
5 communications by telephone between points which are not both
6 within a local calling area as established in the tariff of an
7 LEC.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.