

HOUSE BILL 1062

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By: **Delegate Kelly**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Utilities – Voice over Internet Protocol Service – Customer Address**
3 **Information**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain Voice over Internet Protocol service to notify
5 each customer, at activation, of certain limitations of the service in a manner
6 that complies with certain federal and State rules and regulations; requiring a
7 certain Voice over Internet Protocol service to require certain customers to
8 update certain information each month; and generally relating to Voice over
9 Internet Protocol service and customer address information.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Public Utility Companies
12 Section 8–601
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1998 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Public Utility Companies
17 Section 8–603
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1998 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Public Utility Companies**

23 8–601.

24 In this subtitle:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) "voice over Internet protocol service" or "VoIP service" means any
2 service that:

3 (i) enables real-time two-way voice communications that
4 originate from or terminate to the subscriber end user's location requiring Internet
5 protocol or any successor protocol to Internet protocol; and

6 (ii) requires a broadband connection from the user's location;
7 and

8 (2) "voice over Internet protocol service" or "VoIP service" includes any
9 such service that permits users generally to receive calls that originate on the public
10 switched telephone network and to terminate calls to the public switched telephone
11 network.

12 **8-603.**

13 (A) A VOIP SERVICE DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE SHALL NOTIFY
14 EACH CUSTOMER, ON ACTIVATION OF VOIP SERVICE TO THE CUSTOMER, OF
15 THE LIMITATIONS OF THE VOIP SERVICE RELATING TO THE 9-1-1 SYSTEM IN A
16 MANNER THAT COMPLIES WITH FEDERAL AND STATE RULES AND
17 REGULATIONS.

18 (B) FOR EACH VOIP SERVICE DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE THAT
19 PROVIDES THE REGISTERED PHYSICAL LOCATION AND CALLBACK NUMBER OF A
20 CALLER TO A 9-1-1 SYSTEM IN THE STATE, THE VOIP SERVICE SHALL REQUIRE
21 EACH CUSTOMER WHO IS BILLED OR LOCATED IN THE STATE TO UPDATE WITH
22 THE VOIP SERVICE THE PHYSICAL LOCATION AT WHICH THE VOIP SERVICE
23 WILL BE USED EACH MONTH BY THE CUSTOMER.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2008.