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BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 563

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “and Moratorium”; in lines 2 and 3, in each instance, strike “Telecommunications” and substitute “Communications”; in lines 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, and 21, in each instance, strike “telecommunications” and substitute “communications”; in line 24, strike “a”; in line 25, strike “date” and substitute “dates”; and strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 25 down through “term;” in line 29.

On page 2, in line 2, strike “Telecommunications” and substitute “Communications”; in lines 5, 6, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 30, and 32, in each instance, strike “telecommunications” and substitute “communications”; in line 21, strike “and” and substitute a comma; in the same line, after “counties” insert “, and the municipal corporations”; and in lines 27 and 34, in each instance, strike “2013” and substitute “2014”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 3, strike “Telecommunications” and substitute “Communications”; in line 13, strike “two” and substitute “four”; in the same line, after “Counties” insert “, representing different geographic regions of the State”; in line 14, strike “and” and substitute:

“(ii) two representatives of the Maryland Municipal League, one representing a municipality with a relatively small population and one representing a municipality with a relatively large population;

(iii) two citizens of the State who are consumers of communications services;

(Over)

(iv) one representative of a labor union representing workers in the communications industry;

(v) one representative of the Tech Council of Maryland;

(vi) one representative of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce;  
and”;

in line 15, strike “(ii)” and substitute “(vii)”;

and in line 16, strike “telecommunications” and substitute “communications”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 1, after the first “the” insert: “:

(1)”;

in lines 3, 4, 8, 15, 18, 23, 25, and 27, in each instance, strike “telecommunications” and substitute “communications”; strike beginning with “encourages” in line 3 down through “and” in line 4; in line 5, after “providers” insert: “; and

(2) efficacy of tax and other incentives to encourage investment in broadband networks and emerging technologies”;

in line 15, strike the semicolon and substitute “and fees; and”; strike beginning with “local” in line 16 down through “(7)” in line 18; in lines 22 and 26, in each instance, strike “each county government” and substitute “local governments”; in line 22, strike “current” and substitute “relevant”; in line 27, after “in” insert “relevant”; in line 28, strike “2011” and substitute “2012”; and in line 32, strike “September” and substitute “December”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, in lines 1, 6, and 11, strike “telecommunications” and substitute “communications”; in line 5, strike “county” and substitute “local”; in line 17, after “(i)” insert:

“(1) On or before December 31, 2012, the Commission shall make an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(2)”;

in line 17, strike “January 1, 2013” and substitute “June 30, 2013”; and in the same line, strike “report” and substitute “make a final report of”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 20 through 34, inclusive.