Amendment to SB 603-FN

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1. Public Utilities; Telephone Number Conservation and Area Code Implementation Policy Principles. RSA 374:59 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:


I. In this section:
   (a) “Commission” means the public utilities commission.
   (b) “Department” means the department of energy.
   (c) "North American Numbering Plan Administrator" (NANPA) means a North American organization responsible for neutrally administering numbering resources in a New Hampshire numbering plan area as defined in 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 52.13.
   (d) “Service Provider” refers to a telecommunications carrier or other entity that receives numbering resources from the NANPA, a pooling administrator or another service provider for the purpose of providing or enabling a communications service. For purposes of this section, the term “service provider” includes an interconnected VoIP service provider.

II. The department should promote and adopt telephone number conservation measures to the maximum extent allowed by federal law for area code 603 and any subsequently assigned New Hampshire area codes, including, but not limited to, exercising authority on the reclamation of telephone numbering resources and ensuring that all service providers are in compliance with the FCC’s regulations on thousands-block number pooling and ordering rate center consolidation that it determines necessary after review and investigation of the appropriateness of such consolidation.

III. The department may exercise any authority provided to the states by 47 C.F.R., Part 52 to maximize numbering resources. Notwithstanding any other law, rule, or order to the contrary, and in particular RSA 362:6 and RSA 362:7, II, all service providers, including but not limited to, cellular mobile radio service providers, paging service providers, voice over Internet protocol service providers, and IP-enabled service providers shall be subject to the department’s authority with respect to telephone numbering resources. The department may specially assess these providers for the costs of investigations and other proceedings pursuant to RSA 365:37, II regardless of their participation in any proceeding. Service providers shall be subject to penalties imposed by the department or commission for failure to pay a special assessment or for failure to comply with any rule or order.
IV. The department may adopt rules or orders to implement the requirements of this section.

V. A provider of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service as defined in 47 C.F.R., Section 9.3 shall register with the department prior to requesting numbering resources in the state. The registration must include:

(a) Contact information for a representative of the voice over Internet protocol service responsible for regulatory and numbering matters, and when there is any change in the contact information required under this subparagraph, a provider of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service shall update its registration information; and

(b) An acknowledgment that the provider of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service must file a notice with the commission at least 30 days before requesting numbers from the NANPA or its successor.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.