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HOUSE BILL 1213

Short Title: Amend Broadband Definition/More Competition. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Brubaker.

Referred to: Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity, if favorable, Public Utilities.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF BROADBAND SERVICE TO ENCOURAGE
DEPLOYMENT OF COMPETITIVE INTERNET PROTOCOL-ENABLED SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 62-3(1) reads as rewritten:

"(1) "Broadband service" means any service that consists of or includes a high-speed access capability to transmit at a rate of not less than 200 kilobits per second in either the upstream or downstream direction and either (i) is used to provide access to the Internet, or (ii) provides computer processing, information storage, information content, or protocol conversion, including any service applications or information service provided over such high-speed access service. "Broadband service" includes any service that enables the end user to send or receive communications in Internet protocol or a successor protocol. "Broadband service" does not include intrastate service that was tariffed by the Commission and in effect as of the effective date of this subdivision."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

