

1 H.224

2 Introduced by Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Telecommunications; pole attachment rules; conduits

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
7 Public Service Board to amend its rules on pole attachments to apply to
8 conduits.

9 An act relating to access to telecommunications conduit

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 209(i) is amended to read:

12 (i) Pole attachments; broadband. For the purposes of Board rules on
13 attachments to poles owned by companies subject to regulation under this title,
14 broadband service providers shall be considered “attaching entities” with
15 equivalent rights to attach facilities as those provided to “attaching entities” in
16 the rules, regardless of whether such broadband providers offer a service
17 subject to the jurisdiction of the Board. In addition, “pole attachment” or
18 “attachment” means any attachment by a cable television system or provider of
19 telecommunications service to a pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way owned or
20 controlled by a company subject to regulation under this title. The Board shall

1 adopt rules in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to further implement this
2 section. The rules shall be aimed at furthering the State's interest in ubiquitous
3 deployment of mobile telecommunications and broadband services within
4 the State.

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on passage.