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LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2014

Bill Number: 608 Name of Bill: An act relating to long distance, intrastate telephone service

Agency/ Dept: Public Service Department Author of Bill Review: Jim Porter

Date of Bill Review: January 22, 2014

Status of Bill: (check one):

Upon Introduction As passed by 1st body As passed by both bodies

Recommended Position:

Support Oppose Remain Neutral Support with modifications identified in #8 below

Analysis of Bill

1. **Summary of bill and issue it addresses.** *This bill proposes to require Local Exchange Carriers to dispense with 1-802 dialing. The bill also allows these companies to continue to charge for toll calls.*

2. **Is there a need for this bill?** *No*

3. **What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?** *None*

4. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** *None*

5. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** *(for example, public, municipalities, organizations, business, regulated entities, etc)*
Customers currently know if they are making an intrastate toll call because they have to dial 1-802. We believe that this bill, as written, would create confusion among customers that is not necessary.

6. **Other Stakeholders:**
 - 6.1 **Who else is likely to support the proposal and why?**

 - 6.2 **Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why?**

7. **Rationale for recommendation:** *The bill, as written would create unnecessary customer confusion as to when toll calls are made.*

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8. **Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill:** *Not meant to rewrite bill, but rather, an opportunity to identify simple modifications that would change recommended position.*
If customers received notice prior to this bill becoming law from the provider, and the customer was allowed to continue the 1-802 dialing so they would know about a toll call, if they desired, then the bill would not be offensive. This is how FairPoint currently operates in New Hampshire and Maine. The phone companies generally think this step is regressive, as most states are moving to 1-____-____-____ dialing.

Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document:  Date: 1/27/14