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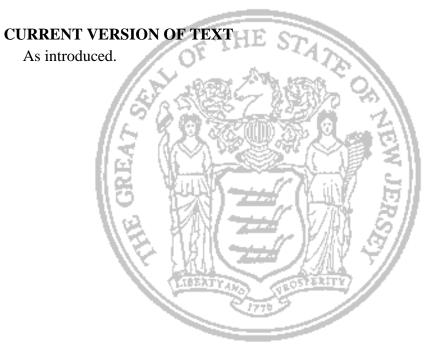
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## SYNOPSIS

Prohibits Internet service providers from increasing service rates during public health emergency or state of emergency; requires Internet service providers to notify subscribers six months in advance of service rate increase.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/12/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning Internet service providers and rate increases 2 and supplementing Title 56 of the Revised Statutes. 3 4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. As used in P.L. (C. ) (pending before the , c. 8 Legislature as this bill): 9 "Internet service provider" means a person, business, or 10 organization qualified to do business in this State that provides 11 individuals, businesses, or other entities with the ability to connect by wireline or radio frequency to the Internet through equipment 12 13 that is located in this State. 14 "Public health emergency" shall have the same meaning as 15 provided in section 2 of P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-2). 16 "State of emergency" means declaration of an emergency by the Governor pursuant to P.L.1942, c.251 (C.App.A:9-33 et seq.). 17 18 19 2. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the 20 contrary, an Internet service provider shall be prohibited from increasing the Internet service rates of any subscriber in this State 21 22 for the duration of a declared public health emergency, state of 23 emergency, or both. 24 b. An Internet service provider shall provide written notice to a 25 subscriber in this State, in a form and manner determined by the 26 Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public 27 Safety, of any Internet service rate increase anticipated by the Internet service provider at least six months in advance of the 28 29 Internet service rate increase. 30 31 3. This act shall take effect immediately. 32 33 34 **STATEMENT** 35 36 This bill prohibits an Internet service provider (ISP) from 37 increasing the Internet service rates of any subscriber in this State for the duration of a declared public health emergency, state of 38 39 emergency, or both. The bill also requires an ISP to provide written 40 notice to a subscriber in this State, in a form and manner determined by the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department 41 of Law and Public Safety, of any Internet service rate increase 42 43 anticipated by the ISP at least six months in advance of the Internet 44 service rate increase.