

1 AN ACT relating to telecommunications.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 278.546 is amended to read as follows:

4 ~~Whereas,~~ The General Assembly finds and determines that:

- 5 (1) State-of-the-art telecommunications is an essential element to the Commonwealth's  
6 initiatives to improve the lives of Kentucky citizens, to create investment, jobs,  
7 economic growth, and to support the Kentucky Innovation Act of 2000;
- 8 (2) Streamlined regulation in competitive markets encourages investment in the  
9 Commonwealth's telecommunications infrastructure;
- 10 (3) Consumers in the Commonwealth have many choices in telecommunications  
11 services, because competition between various telecommunications technologies  
12 such as traditional telephony, cable television, internet, and other wireless  
13 technologies has become commonplace;
- 14 (4) Consumers benefit from market-based competition that offers consumers of  
15 telecommunications services the most innovative and economical services; and
- 16 (5) Consumer protections against fraud and abuse, for the provision of affordable basic  
17 service, and for access to emergency services including enhanced 911 must  
18 continue.