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Sponsor(s): Senators Haugen, Swecker, Jacobsen and Prentice

Brief Description: Denying telecommunications services to unlicensed household goods carriers.

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Finds that: (1) The business of operating as a household goods carrier for compensation along the highways of this state is declared to be a business affected with the public interest; and

(2) The unlawful advertisement, use of telecommunications services, and provision of household goods moving services by unlicensed household goods carriers constitutes an unfair trade practice and unfair competitive advantage over properly licensed and regulated household goods carriers and exposes unsuspecting consumers to the risk of theft, fraud, deception, and other forms of dishonesty.

Declares that the termination, alteration, or refusal of telecommunications services utilized by unlicensed household goods carriers is essential to ensure the public safety and welfare.