

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

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1 Amend Resolution, page 2, by inserting between lines 12 and
2 13

3 WHEREAS, Technological developments have enabled numerous
4 competitive providers to enter the voice and broadband
5 marketplace using multiple technologies, and most consumers have
6 the ability to choose and purchase services from regulated and
7 unregulated providers; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, traditional landline voice providers have
9 less than 12% of the total voice subscriptions in this
10 Commonwealth but are still required to maintain a network that
11 can provide voice service to every customer in the provider's
12 service territory; and

13 WHEREAS, While regulation of traditional landline voice
14 services has remained relatively unchanged in this Commonwealth
15 despite these dramatic changes in the industry, the technologies
16 that consumers use to communicate have fundamentally altered the
17 marketplace and continue to do so; and

18 WHEREAS, Modernization of regulations and statutes has
19 already been undertaken in many states as consumers have
20 transitioned from landline voice services to products offered by
21 unregulated or lightly regulated entities; and

22 WHEREAS, The provision of broadband service across this
23 Commonwealth must recognize that because of technological and
24 competitive developments, the appropriate method to support and
25 incentivize further expansion of broadband should be technology
26 and policy neutral; and

27 Amend Resolution, page 6, line 15, by striking out "to"

28 Amend Resolution, page 6, line 16, by inserting after "(i) "
29 to

30 Amend Resolution, page 6, line 19, by inserting after "(ii)
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33 Amend Resolution, page 6, lines 21 through 22, by striking

1 out all of said lines and inserting

2 Commonwealth through:

3 (A) collaborative partnerships with
4 governmental and private sector stakeholders; and

5 (B) other means of extending the benefits of
6 advanced high-speed broadband technology in this
7 Commonwealth; and

8 (iii) for mechanisms and possible programs for
9 funding the expansion of broadband availability,
10 including harmonization of funding options with any
11 existing Federal or other State programs.

12 Amend Resolution, page 6, line 26, by striking out the

13 semicolon after "Commonwealth" and inserting

14 including:

15 (i) modernizing telecommunications policies,
16 regulations and statutes regardless of technology and the
17 elimination of outdated and unnecessary regulations; and

18 (ii) eliminating barriers to the expansion of
19 broadband availability;