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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, AUGUST 29, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in service and facilities, providing
3 for standards for certain local exchange telecommunications
4 companies.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 1504.1. Standards for certain local exchange
10 telecommunications companies.

11 A local exchange telecommunications company as defined in
12 section 3012 (relating to definitions) that has a formal
13 complaint before the commission regarding the company's service
14 or facilities shall provide the commission and the General
15 Assembly with a report of all poles, wires and related
16 facilities that are failing or at risk of failing within 365
17 days after the date of initial hearing on the complaint. The
18 report shall include a list specifying the broken poles, the

1 lines or poles secured by rope, zip ties or other improvised
2 fasteners, the status of remote batteries, the utilization of
3 trees for securing wires and the wires currently less than three
4 feet in height above ground level.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.