

**Act No. 190 (H.297). Utilities; telecommunications**

**An act relating to Vermont telecommunications policy**

This act makes numerous changes to Vermont's telecommunications law and policy. Among other things, it sets the Universal Service Fund (USF) surcharge at a flat two percent and allows for the distribution of Universal Service Fund monies to a new Connectivity Initiative and to a new High-Cost Program. In addition, it creates a new Division for Connectivity within the Agency of Administration to become the continuation of and successor in interest to the Vermont Telecommunications Authority which will cease operations beginning July 1, 2015.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on June 16, 2014