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Introduced by Representatives Bouchard of Colchester, Batchelor of Derby,  
Botzow of Pownal, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West  
Rutland, Campion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr  
of Brandon, Cross of Winooski, Cupoli of Rutland City,  
Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gage  
of Rutland City, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven,  
Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of  
East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Kupersmith of South  
Burlington, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Marcotte  
of Coventry, McCormack of Burlington, Moran of Wardsboro,  
Myers of Essex, Potter of Clarendon, Quimby of Concord,  
Ralston of Middlebury, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of  
Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Smith of New Haven,  
Toleno of Brattleboro, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Wilson of  
Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Yantachka of Charlotte,  
and Young of Glover

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Utilities; telecommunications; long distance, intrastate telephone  
service

1 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit  
2 telecommunications providers of local exchange service from requiring a  
3 consumer to dial a long distance prefix or an area code, or both, for long  
4 distance, intrastate telephone service.

5 An act relating to long distance, intrastate telephone service

6 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

7 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 233 is added to read:

8 § 233. LONG DISTANCE, INTRASTATE TELEPHONE SERVICE

9 A telecommunications carrier that provides local exchange service in  
10 Vermont shall not require a customer to dial a long distance prefix or an area  
11 code, or both, for long distance, intrastate telephone service. This section is  
12 not intended to impact in any way the rates charged by a telecommunications  
13 carrier.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on October 1, 2014.