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Senator Lyons moves to amend the bill by adding a new Sec. 25 and new reader assistance as follows:

* * * Pole Attachments; Municipal Gain * * *

Sec. 25. 30 V.S.A. § 209(i) is amended to read:

(i)(1) Pole attachments; broadband. For the purposes of Board rules on attachments to poles owned by companies subject to regulation under this title, broadband service providers shall be considered “attaching entities” with equivalent rights to attach facilities as those provided to “attaching entities” in the rules, regardless of whether such broadband providers offer a service subject to the jurisdiction of the Board. The Board shall adopt rules in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to further implement this section. The rules shall be aimed at furthering the State’s interest in ubiquitous deployment of mobile telecommunications and broadband services within the State.

(2) The Board shall amend its pole attachment rules in a manner that provides each municipality or Agency of Transportation District the right to occupy and use for any purpose, and without cost, one gain upon each public utility pole or in each underground communications duct system installed by a public service company within the limits of any such municipality or District. The location or relocation of the gain shall be prescribed by the Board, and shall be reserved for use by the municipality or District.
and by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.