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2 Senator MacDonald moves to amend the bill as follows:

3 First: By adding Sec. 20a to read as follows:

4 Sec. 20a. LEGISLATIVE INTENT; POLE ATTACHMENTS

5 Sections 19 and 20 of this act, concerning revisions to Vermont’s pole
6 attachment rules, shall not be construed to endorse a particular type of
7 communications technology, be it wired or wireless. The revisions are
8 intended to clarify the terms and conditions of pole attachments, in general,
9 and to promote greater transparency and certainty for attaching entities and for
10 pole owners and to do so in a manner that furthers Vermont’s interest in
11 achieving ubiquitous deployment of mobile telecommunications and
12 broadband services within the State.

13 Second: By adding Sec. 22 and accompanying reader assistance heading to
14 read as follows:

15 * * * 2G Microcell Restoral Program * * *

16 Sec. 22. 2G MICROCELL RESTORAL PROGRAM; EMERGENCY
17 COMMUNICATIONS

18 (a) The Department of Public Service shall establish a 2G Microcell
19 Restoral Program under which a requesting Vermont municipality shall receive
20 one or more State-owned microcells subject to the following terms and
21 conditions:

1 (1) The municipality arranges to provide electricity to the microcells.

2 (2) The municipality arranges to provide broadband backhaul to the
3 microcells and initiates and coordinates any required service requests.

4 (3) The municipality is responsible for any pole rental charges, if
5 applicable.

6 (4) The Department shall contract for a qualified vendor to provide
7 technical support and field service to the microcells.

8 (5) The Department shall contract for call routing and interconnection
9 services.

10 (6) The Department shall contract for E-911 geolocation services.

11 (7) The Department shall contract for use of radio spectrum.

12 (8) The Department shall negotiate roaming agreements among all
13 national wireless carriers providing service in Vermont.

14 (9) The Department shall make available any State-owned dark fiber for
15 microcell backhaul at no cost to hosting municipalities.

16 (10) The Department, upon request, shall support the application by a
17 municipality or its contractor for installation of new poles in the public right-
18 of-way up to 100 feet in height upon which to install microcells, provided such
19 microcells are to be hosted and maintained by the municipality and operated as
20 a neutral host model that provides service to all major, national wireless
21 carriers.

1 (b) Each municipality that receives a microcell under this Program shall
2 develop a plan to maintain uninterrupted electrical service to the microcell
3 during electrical grid outages by using batteries, generators, solar panels, or a
4 combination thereof, including generator testing and a refueling schedule to be
5 invoked during inclement weather conditions and extended power outages.

6 (c) The Program shall be funded with the \$900,000.00 capital appropriation
7 to the Department for a VTA wireless network pursuant to 2018 Acts and
8 Resolves No. 190, Sec. 14.

9 (d) Any carrier usage revenues shall accrue to the municipality hosting the
10 microcell.

11 (e) A municipality may develop and propose to the Department a plan to
12 upgrade a 2G microcell to 4G/LTE, as fiber-optic backhaul becomes available.

13 Third: By adding Sec. 23 and accompanying reader assistance heading to
14 read as follows:

15 * * * New Remote Worker Grant Program; Unserved Vermonters * * *

16 Sec. 23. NEW REMOTE WORKER GRANT PROGRAM; EXPANSION
17 FOR UNSERVED VERMONTER WORKERS

18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Agency of
19 Commerce and Community Development shall expand the eligibility
20 requirements of the New Remote Worker Grant Program established under
21 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 197, Sec. 1, to include Vermont residents seeking

- 1 to relocate to a location within Vermont having access to Internet service
- 2 capable of speeds of at least 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload for the
- 3 purpose of enabling the performance of employment duties remotely.
- 4 and by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.

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