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Act No. 169 (S.289). Telecommunications; net neutrality; State procurement contracts

An act relating to protecting consumers and promoting an open Internet in Vermont

This act requires an Internet service provider to certify that it is in compliance with consumer protection and net neutrality standards in order to be eligible to receive a government contract for Internet service beginning April 15, 2019 or the date on which the Governor's Executive Order No. 2-18 (Internet neutrality in State procurement) is revoked and rescinded, whichever is earlier. The act also requires the Attorney General to review the network management practices of ISPs in Vermont and determine whether they are in compliance with the 2015 FCC net neutrality rules and to disclose those findings on a publicly available website.

Effective Date: July 1, 2018