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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to price regulation of local exchange
 3 telecommunications companies; amending s. 364.051, F.S.;
 4 changing the timeframe for notice of rate changes;
 5 providing an effective date.

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 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 9 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section
 10 364.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 364.051 Price regulation.--

12 (5) NONBASIC SERVICES.--Price regulation of nonbasic
 13 services shall consist of the following:

14 (a) Each company subject to this section shall maintain
 15 tariffs with the commission containing the terms, conditions,
 16 and rates for each of its nonbasic services, and may set or
 17 change, on 7 ~~15~~ days' notice, the rate for each of its nonbasic
 18 services, except that a price increase for any nonbasic service
 19 category shall not exceed 6 percent within a 12-month period
 20 until there is another provider providing local
 21 telecommunications service in an exchange area at which time the
 22 price for any nonbasic service category may be increased in an
 23 amount not to exceed 20 percent within a 12-month period, and
 24 the rate shall be presumptively valid. However, for purposes of
 25 this subsection, the prices of:

26 1. A voice-grade, flat-rate, multi-line business local
 27 exchange service, including multiple individual lines, centrex
 28 lines, private branch exchange trunks, and any associated
 29 hunting services, that provides dial tone and local usage



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30 necessary to place a call within a local exchange calling area;
31 and

32 2. Telecommunications services provided under contract
33 service arrangements to the SUNCOM Network, as defined in
34 chapter 282,

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36 shall be capped at the rates in effect on July 1, 1995, and such
37 rates shall not be increased prior to January 1, 2000; provided,
38 however, that a petition to increase such rates may be filed
39 pursuant to subsection (4) utilizing the standards set forth
40 therein. There shall be a flat-rate pricing option for multi-
41 line business local exchange service, and mandatory measured
42 service for multi-line business local exchange service shall not
43 be imposed. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the
44 local exchange telecommunications company from meeting offerings
45 by any competitive provider of the same, or functionally
46 equivalent, nonbasic services in a specific geographic market or
47 to a specific customer by deaveraging the price of any nonbasic
48 service, packaging nonbasic services together or with basic
49 services, using volume discounts and term discounts, and
50 offering individual contracts. However, the local exchange
51 telecommunications company shall not engage in any
52 anticompetitive act or practice, nor unreasonably discriminate
53 among similarly situated customers.

54 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.