

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 114

BY SENATOR APPEL

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

INTERNET. Provides for free broadband Internet at public airports. (8/1/17)

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AN ACT

To enact Chapter 8-M of Title 45 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 45:844.81, relative to Internet access; to provide Internet access at public airports; to provide for terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Chapter 8-M of Title 45 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 45:844.81, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8-M. INTERNET ACCESS AT PUBLIC AIRPORTS

§844.81. Internet access; public airports

Any public airport may provide free access to broadband Internet, as defined by the Federal Communications Commission, solely to patrons at the airport. Such broadband Internet shall be procured in accordance with applicable state and local procurement laws and rules.

The original instrument was prepared by Michelle D. Ridge. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by McHenry Lee.

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Proposed law provides that any public airport may provide free access to broadband Internet, as defined by the Federal Communications Commission, solely to patrons at the airport. Further provides that such broadband Internet must be procured in accordance with applicable state and local procurement laws and rules.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 45:844.81)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Removes proposed law exception for a local government that owns a public airport to provide advanced services to the public airport and to purchase, lease, construct, maintain, or operate any facility for the purpose of providing such services at the public airport.
2. Provides that nothing in law shall restrict any public airport from providing access to free broadband Internet to the patrons of the airport.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds provision requiring such broadband Internet to be procured in accordance with procurement laws.
2. Makes technical changes.
3. Removes proposed law from provisions of the Local Government Fair Competition Act.