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SB 251 Reengrossed

2016 Regular Session

LaFleur

Proposed law prohibits wi-fi "hotspot" blocking. Provides legislative findings.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that no person shall without legal authority knowingly interfere with, prevent, disable, or block the lawful creation of a Wi-Fi network via a personal hotspot.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides a civil penalty fine of not more than \$10,000. Further provides that each day on which a violation occurs shall be considered a separate offense. Also provides that the penalties provided by the <u>proposed law</u> shall be in addition to any other civil or criminal penalty, action, or proceeding otherwise authorized by law.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 45:844.74 and 844.75)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Commerce</u> to the <u>reengrossed</u> bill:

1. Modify language to improve clarity and readability.