

By: Representative Holland

To: Public Utilities

HOUSE BILL NO. 1254

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CELL PHONE PROVIDERS TO MAKE CELL PHONE
2 SERVICE AVAILABLE STATEWIDE; TO REQUIRE CELL PHONE PROVIDERS TO
3 SUBMIT A PLAN DETAILING HOW SUCH PROVIDERS SHALL MAKE CELL PHONE
4 SERVICE STATEWIDE; TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO
5 MAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING SUCH PLAN; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known as and may be cited as
9 the "Mississippi Uniform Cell Phone Accessibility Act."

10 **SECTION 2.** Any person or entity who provides cell phone
11 services in this state shall make such services available
12 statewide.

13 **SECTION 3.** (1) Any person or entity who provides cell phone
14 services in this state shall submit a plan of action to the Public
15 Service Commission detailing how such person or entity shall make
16 cell phone services available statewide.

17 (2) The Public Service Commission is authorized to accept,
18 reject or amend any plan submitted as described in this section.
19 In addition, the Public Service Commission is authorized to make
20 all rules and regulations regarding the content and implementation
21 of such plans.

22 (3) The Public Service Commission may penalize any person or
23 entity in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars
24 (\$50,000.00) for any violation of this act.

25 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after January 1, 2007.