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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2579

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to telecommunications; data privacy; prohibiting collection of personal  
1.3 information absent customer's express written approval; proposing coding for new  
1.4 law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 237.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[237.122] PERSONAL INFORMATION; PROHIBITION.**

1.7 A telecommunications or Internet service provider that has entered into a franchise  
1.8 agreement, right-of-way agreement, or other contract with the state of Minnesota or a  
1.9 political subdivision, or that uses facilities that are subject to such agreements even if it is  
1.10 not a party to the agreement, is prohibited from collecting personal information from a  
1.11 customer resulting from the customer's use of the telecommunications or Internet service  
1.12 provider without express written approval from the customer. A telecommunication or  
1.13 Internet service provider is prohibited from refusing to provide its services to a customer  
1.14 on the grounds that the customer has not approved collection of the customer's personal  
1.15 information.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.