

~~certain term; and generally relating to voice over Internet protocol service and Internet protocol-enabled service.~~

BY adding to

Article - Public Utility Companies

Section 8-601 and 8-602 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6. Voice over Internet Protocol Service ~~and Internet Protocol-Enabled Service~~"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Public Utility Companies

SUBTITLE 6. VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL SERVICE ~~AND INTERNET PROTOCOL-ENABLED SERVICE.~~

8-601.

~~(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(B) "INTERNET PROTOCOL-ENABLED SERVICE" OR "IP-ENABLED SERVICE" MEANS ANY SERVICE, CAPABILITY, FUNCTIONALITY, OR APPLICATION PROVIDED USING INTERNET PROTOCOL OR ANY SUCCESSOR PROTOCOL THAT ENABLES AN END USER TO SEND OR RECEIVE A COMMUNICATION IN IP FORMAT OR ANY SUCCESSOR FORMAT, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE COMMUNICATION IS VOICE, DATA, OR VIDEO.~~

IN THIS SUBTITLE:

~~(C) (1) "VOICE VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL SERVICE" OR "VOIP SERVICE" MEANS ANY SERVICE THAT:~~

~~(I) ENABLES REAL-TIME TWO-WAY VOICE COMMUNICATIONS THAT ORIGINATE FROM OR TERMINATE USING TO THE SUBSCRIBER END USER'S LOCATION REQUIRING INTERNET PROTOCOL OR ANY SUCCESSOR FORMAT PROTOCOL TO INTERNET PROTOCOL; AND~~

~~(II) USES REQUIRES A BROADBAND CONNECTION FROM THE USER'S LOCATION; AND~~