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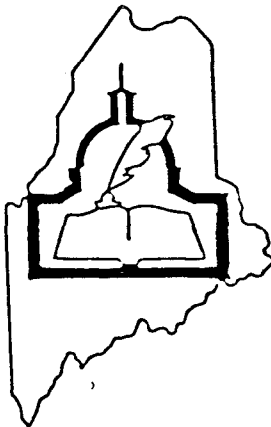
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BILL SUMMARIES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 1271 AN ACT TO ENSURE REDUCED TELEPHONE RATES FOR GILL
VOLUNTEERS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS CLARK H
ND: SERVING THE DEAF, HEARING IMPAIRED AND BRODEUR
SPEECH IMPAIRED BALDACC

OTP-AM HOUSE Indef. PP
SENATE Indef. PP
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S-141 CA

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SUMMARY: Subsections 1-4 of the bill simply re-enact existing law, which provides a 70% rate reduction for intrastate toll calls from deaf, hearing-impaired, and speech-impaired persons, and which also provides a special equipment fund. New subsection 5 extends the 70% rate reduction to any local measured service for deaf, etc.. New subsection 6 extends the 70% reduction to volunteers, nonprofit and government organizations which serve the deaf, etc., if over half the calls from the phone in question are on behalf of deaf, hearing impaired and speech impaired persons.
The Committee amendment (S-141) would have added an appropriation of \$10,000 in FY86 and \$15,000 in FY87, but the bill failed to receive an appropriation.

LD: 1272 AN ACT TO ENSURE AFFORDABLE TELEPHONE COSTS GILL
FOR NONPROFIT SOCIAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS BY TAYLOR
ND: PROHIBITING THE LOCAL MEASURED SERVICE RATE CLARK H
STRUCTURE FOR THESE CUSTOMERS BALDACC

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
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SUMMARY: The bill prohibits local measured telephone service for social service organizations which provide emergency services and for satellite telephone lines operated by volunteers for such organizations.
This is one of nine bills withdrawn in favor of committee and PUC study. (See LD1011).