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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 468, L.D. 1271, Bill, "AN ACT to Ensure Reduced Telephone Rates for Volunteers and Nonprofit Organizations Serving the Deaf, Hearing Impaired and Speech Impaired."

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Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 1. 35 MRSA §2361, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

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5. Service organizations. Volunteers, nonprofit and government organizations serving the deaf, hearing impaired and speech impaired persons shall be eligible for a 70% rate reduction on intrastate toll rates. To qualify for the reduction, the organization must file an affidavit with the telephone company on a form approved by the Public Utilities Commission, stating that a majority of the telephone calls made from the telephone or telephones for which the reduction is requested are to or on behalf of deaf, hearing impaired and speech impaired persons who must rely on a teletypewriter for telephone communications. The Department of Human Services shall reimburse the telephone companies for any revenues which would be lost as a result of these rate reductions.

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Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 468, L.D. 1271

1	Division of Deafness		
2	All Other	\$10,000	\$15,000'

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 This amendment makes certain organizations that  
5 serve the deaf, hearing impaired and speech impaired  
6 persons eligible for a 70% discount on telephone  
7 rates for telephones used primarily for that purpose.  
8 The amendment deletes over 2 pages of the original  
9 bill which simply repealed existing law and reenacted  
10 it in a different place.

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Reported by Senator Andrews for the Committee on Utilities.  
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