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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1063

H.P. 791 House of Representatives, April 1, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative MELENDY of Rockland.
Cosponsored by Representatives CONNOLLY of Portland,
KILKELLY of Wiscasset and Senator PERKINS of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Require the Installation of
Telecommunication Devices for the
Hearing and Speech Impaired in Public
Facilities.

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6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
7 follows:

8 35 MRSA §2361-A is enacted to read:

9 §2361-A. Telecommunication devices for the hearing
10 and speech impaired required in public fa-
11 cilities

12 1. State buildings. The Bureau of Public Im-
13 provements shall require the installation and mainte-
14 nance of telecommunication devices for communication
15 for the hearing and speech impaired who rely on such

1 devices for telephone communications in a public lo-
2 cation within every state building, where public
3 gatherings are held or a service is provided directly
4 to the public and which is equipped with any tele-
5 phone service.

6 2. Other facilities serving the public. The
7 commission shall promulgate rules requiring that
8 telecommunication devices for the hearing and speech
9 impaired be provided by the person who owns the pub-
10 lic telephones within each public facility where pub-
11 lic telephones are installed.

12 3. Public facilities. For the purposes of this
13 section, the following kinds of facilities shall be
14 considered public facilities:

15 A. Airport terminals serving scheduled flights;

16 B. Bus and train depots;

17 C. Ferry terminals;

18 D. Clinics;

19 E. Health care centers;

20 F. Senior citizen complexes;

21 G. Areas of public assembly;

22 H. Hospitals;

23 I. Covered malls;

24 J. Convention centers; and

25 K. Hotels with convention centers.

26 4. Notice. A sign noting the availability and
27 location of the telecommunication device for hearing
28 and speech impaired persons shall be posted by the
29 owner of the facility in a conspicuous location with-
30 in each public facility covered by this section.

31 5. Devices. The requirements of this section
32 may be satisfied by installation of telecommunication

1 typewriters, including so-called telecommunication
2 devices for the deaf, or other devices approved by
3 the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Rehabili-
4 tation, Division of Deafness.

5 6. Rates. Toll calls from devices installed in
6 accordance with this section are subject to the rate
7 reduction prescribed in section 2361.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

9 The present telephone system in public facilities
10 is inaccessible to travelers who are hearing and
11 speech impaired and must rely on telecommunication
12 devices for telephone communications. The purpose of
13 this bill is to make telephones at facilities serving
14 the public accessible to this special population.

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