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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 853, L.D. 2266, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study the Funding and Distribution of Teletypewriters and Other Telecommunications Equipment for People with Disabilities"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill in part A in section 4 in that part designated "~~§1419-A.~~" in subsection 2 by striking out all of the last sentence (page 2, lines 41 to 44 in L.D.)

Further amend the bill in Part A by striking out all of section 5 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. A-5. Assessment for specialized customer telecommunications equipment. The activities authorized under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1419-A, subsection 2 must be funded through an annual assessment for specialized telecommunications equipment to be levied on each interexchange carrier, local exchange carrier, reseller and mobile telecommunications carrier that provides telecommunications service in the State. The assessment must be based on the amount of revenues that each carrier receives from the services that it provides to customers in this State. The level of the assessment must be established each year by the Public Utilities Commission. For fiscal year 1998-99, the assessment must be set at a level that will generate an additional \$85,000 in order to provide additional funding for the purchase and distribution of specialized customer telecommunications equipment. These funds must be deposited into the Telecommunications Equipment Fund established by Title 26, section 1419-A, subsection 2. These funds may not lapse but must be carried forward for the purposes identified in Title 26, section 1419-A, subsection 2.

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Sec. A-6. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from
Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Rehabilitation Services

All Other \$85,000

Provides additional allocations for the
Telecommunications Equipment Fund to allow
the distribution of certain specialized
customer telecommunications equipment.' '

Further amend the amendment in the first indented paragraph
after the title in the first line (page 1, line 24 in amendment)
by striking out the following: "Amend" and inserting in its place
the following: 'Further amend'

Further amend the amendment in the first indented paragraph
after the title in the 4th line (page 1, line 27 in amendment) by
striking out the following: "2 times" and inserting in its place
the following: 'one time'

Further amend the amendment in section B-2 by striking out
all of the 10th and 11th lines (page 2, lines 1 and 2 in
amendment) and inserting in their place the following:

'Personal Services \$165
All Other 1,150'

Further amend the amendment in section B-2 by striking out
all of the last line (page 2, line 13 in amendment) and inserting
in its place the following:

'TOTAL \$1,315'

FISCAL NOTE

1998-99

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund (\$85,105)
Other Funds 85,000

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REVENUES

2 Other Funds \$85,000
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6 This amendment replaces the General Fund appropriation of
8 \$85,000 in fiscal year 1998-99 to the Department of Labor with an
10 Other Special Revenue allocation for the same amount. Funding
12 for this expenditure will be provided by an assessment levied by
the Public Utilities Commission on telephone companies in the
State. Funds collected by the commission will be deposited in
the Telecommunications Equipment Fund administered by the
Department of Labor.

14 This amendment also reduces the General Fund appropriation
16 to the Legislature in fiscal year 1998-99 from \$1,420 to \$1,315.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment establishes an assessment to be levied by the
22 Public Utilities Commission on telephone companies in the State
24 to provide funding for the Telecommunications Equipment Fund
within the Department of Labor. This amendment also deletes the
26 General Fund appropriation for the Department of Labor, provides
an Other Special Revenue allocation for the Department of Labor,
28 reduces the General Fund appropriation to the Legislature and
reduces the number of authorized meetings for the Commission to
Study the Funding and Distribution of Teletypewriters and Other
30 Telecommunications Equipment for People with Disabilities.

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34 SPONSORED BY:

(Senator MICHAUD)

36 COUNTY: Penobscot
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