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L.D. 1290

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122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 887, L.D. 1290, Bill, "An Act To Improve Funding for Telecommunications Relay Services"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7104, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 553, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

5. Funds for Communication Equipment Fund. The commission shall annually transfer \$85,000 from a state universal service fund established pursuant to this section to the Communications Equipment Fund established under Title 26, section 1419-A. ~~In addition to its authority under subsection 3, the commission may require contributions to the state universal service fund in an amount sufficient to collect the \$85,000.~~

If the Department of Labor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services does not receive from federal or other sources funds in addition to the \$85,000 sufficient to carry out the purposes of Title 26, section 1419-A, the commission, at the request of the Department of Labor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, may transfer from the state universal service fund to the Communications Equipment Fund an additional amounts-as-long-as: \$37,500.

~~A. The total transfer in any year does not exceed \$122,500;~~
and

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2 ~~B. Any amount in any year in excess of \$85,000 is drawn from~~
3 ~~funds otherwise available in the universal service fund.~~
4 ~~The commission is not authorized to require contributions to~~
5 ~~the state universal service fund for the purposes of this~~
6 ~~subsection in order to collect any amount in excess of~~
7 ~~\$85,000 in any year.~~

8 The commission may require contributions to the state universal
9 service fund in an amount necessary to collect amounts
10 transferred pursuant to this subsection.'

12 Further amend the bill in section 1 in the first line (page
13 1, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "sub-§6" and
14 inserting in its place the following: 'sub-§7'

16 Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 6 in the
17 first line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the
18 following: "6." and inserting in its place the following: '7.'

20 Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 7 in the
21 last line (page 2, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the
22 following: "6" and inserting in its place the following: '7'

24 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
25 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
26 consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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32 This amendment adds a section to the bill to remove a
33 provision in law currently prohibiting the Public Utilities
34 Commission from requiring contributions to the state universal
35 service fund in order to cover amounts authorized to be
36 transferred from that fund to the Communications Equipment Fund.
37 The Communications Equipment Fund provides funding for
38 telecommunications equipment for deaf and hard-of-hearing
39 persons. It also corrects a subsection number and a reference to
40 avoid a conflict.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LR 1657(02)

An Act To Improve Funding for Telecommunications Relay Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue increase - State Universal Service Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing the Public Utilities Commission to require additional contributions of \$37,500 to the State Universal Service Fund to fund amounts transferred to the Communications Equipment Fund upon request of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services within the Department of Labor may increase dedicated revenue to the state universal fund.