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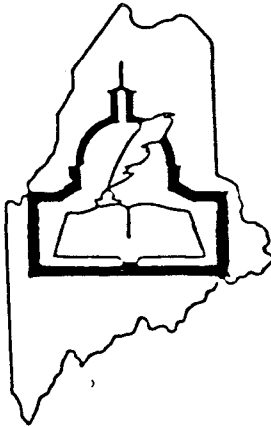
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
UTILITIES  
BILL SUMMARY



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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 VOLUNTEERS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SERVING THE DEAF, HEARING IMPAIRED AND SPEECH IMPAIRED

GILL  
CLARK H  
BRODEUR  
BALDACCI

ND:

OTP-AM

HOUSE Indef. PP  
SENATE Indef. PP  
GOV

CH #

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 FOR NONPROFIT SOCIAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS BY PROHIBITING THE LOCAL MEASURED SERVICE RATE STRUCTURE FOR THESE CUSTOMERS

GILL  
TAYLOR  
CLARK H  
BALDACCI

ND:

LU-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

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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This is one of nine bills withdrawn in favor of committee and PUC study.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).