

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1039

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Act; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2418, as last amended by Section 26, Chapter 246, O.S.L. 1998 (63 O.S. 1991, Section 2418), which relates to telephone access line surcharge and Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Revolving Fund; terminating surcharge as of date certain; providing for funding of stated needs by other means; providing for termination of the revolving fund upon depletion; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2418, as last amended by Section 26, Chapter 246, O.S.L. 1998 (63 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 2418), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2418. A. ~~There~~ Until July 1, 2000, there is hereby imposed a surcharge of five cents (\$0.05) per local exchange telephone access line per month to pay for the equipment and maintenance program provided for in Section 2417 of this title and to provide for other needed services for the deaf, severely hard-of-hearing, severely speech-impaired and deaf-blind programs administered through the State Department of Rehabilitation Services, such surcharge to be paid by each local exchange subscriber to local telephone service in this state, unless such subscriber is otherwise exempt from taxation.

B. The surcharge shall be collected until July 1, 2000, on the regular monthly bill by each local exchange telephone company operating in this state and shall be remitted quarterly to the

Oklahoma Tax Commission no later than fifteen (15) days following the end of each quarter.

C. There is hereby created in the State Treasury the Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Revolving Fund. The fund shall consist of monies imposed in subsection A of this section. All monies accruing to the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department of Rehabilitation Services. The fund shall be a continuing fund not subject to fiscal year limitations and expenditures from ~~said~~ the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims submitted to the Director of State Finance for the purpose of implementation of this act.

D. Upon depletion of the Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Revolving Fund, the Director of State Finance shall terminate the fund and the State Department of Rehabilitation Services shall meet the requirements of this section and of Section 2417 of this title with other monies available to the Department.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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