

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2822

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to telecommunications; amending 63
8 O.S. 2001, Section 2418, which relates to a telephone
9 access line surcharge for hearing-impaired services;
clarifying statutory language; providing an effective
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 2418, is
14 amended to read as follows:

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

1 B. The surcharge shall be collected on the regular monthly bill
2 by each local exchange telephone company operating in this state and
3 shall be remitted quarterly to the Oklahoma Tax Commission no later
4 than fifteen (15) days following the end of each quarter.

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

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2010.

16 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
17 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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