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**Chapter No.**

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**AN ACT**

Relating to telephone service for the deaf, hard of hearing, and speech impaired; and providing for an effective date.

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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**Approved by the Governor:** April 13, 1992

**Actual Effective Date:** April 14, 1992

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1 Relating to telephone service for the deaf, hard of hearing, and speech impaired; and providing for an  
2 effective date.

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4 \* Section 1. AS 42.05.296 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 42.05.296. TELEPHONE SERVICES FOR CERTAIN [DEAF AND HARD OF  
6 HEARING] SUBSCRIBERS. (a) The commission shall adopt regulations to require telephone  
7 utilities to provide service to deaf, [AND] hard of hearing, and speech impaired subscribers that  
8 permits the subscriber to communicate by telephone with persons of normal hearing and that  
9 makes available reasonable access of all phases of public telephone service to deaf, [OR] hard  
10 of hearing, and speech impaired telephone subscribers. The regulations must provide for cost  
11 recovery through surcharges added to the basic local exchange rate [AND INTEREXCHANGE  
12 RATES]. The commission shall hold hearings to determine the most cost-effective method of  
13 providing this service.

14 (b) A telephone subscriber is eligible for the service required by (a) of this section if the

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1 subscriber is certified as deaf<sub>1</sub> [OR] hard of hearing, or speech impaired by a licensed physician,  
2 audiologist, or the Department of Health and Social Services or if the subscriber is an  
3 organization representing the deaf<sub>1</sub> [OR] hard of hearing, or speech impaired as determined by  
4 the commission.

5 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).