

HOUSE BILL NO. 558

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/4/92

Referred: Health, Education & Social Services, Labor & Commerce, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to telephone service for the deaf, hard of hearing, and speech impaired."**

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

3 *** Section 1. AS 42.05.296(a) is amended to read:**

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