

SENATE BILL NO. 408

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY SENATOR RODEY

**Introduced: 2/14/92
Referred: Labor and Commerce**

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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 telephone subscribers. The
8 regulations must provide for cost recovery through surcharges added to the basic local exchange
9 rate [AND INTEREXCHANGE RATES]. The commission shall hold hearings to determine the
10 most cost-effective method of providing this service.