

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 408 (L&C)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/4/92
Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR RODEY

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 is amended to read:

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

13 (b) A telephone subscriber is eligible for the service required by (a) of this section if the
14 subscriber is certified as deaf, [OR] hard of hearing, or speech impaired by a licensed physician,

1 audiologist, or the Department of Health and Social Services or if the subscriber is an
2 organization representing the deaf, [OR] hard of hearing, or speech impaired as determined by
3 the commission.