

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 408 (L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/25/92

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS RODEY, Menard, Kerttula, Craft, Sturgulewski, Uehling, Pourchot, Duncan

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

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

1 subscriber is certified as deaf, [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, [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).