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Relating to telephone services for the deaf and hard of hearing.

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of hearing.

* Section 1. AS 42.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 42.05.296. TELEPHONE SERVICES FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
SUBSCRIBERS. (a) The commission shall adopt regulations to require
telephone utilities to provide service to deaf and hard of hearing
subscribers that permits the subscriber to communicate by telephone
with persons of normal hearing and that makes available reasonable
access of all phases of public telephone service to deaf or hard of
hearing telephone subscribers. The regulations must provide for cost
recovery through surcharges added to the basic exchange and inter-
exchange rates. The commission shall hold hearings to determine the
most cost-effective method of providing this service.

(b) A telephone subscriber is eligible for the service required
by (a) of this section if the subscriber is certified as deaf or hard
of hearing by a licensed physician, audiologist, or the Department of
Health and Social Services or if the subscriber is an organization
representing the deaf or hard of hearing as determined by the commis-
sion.

* Sec. 2. The Alaska Public Utilities Commission shall adopt the regu-
lations required by AS 42.05.296, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, on or
before July 1, 1991.