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COMMERCE AND REGULATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for telephone directory notation of telephone
2 numbers providing text telephone device services.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 477C.2, Code 2001, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. "TTY" means a text telephone device
4 utilized to communicate with or between persons who are deaf
5 or hard-of-hearing or who have speech impairments, by typing
6 and reading text.

7 Sec. 2. Section 477C.5, subsection 1, Code 2001, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 1. A dual party relay council is established, consisting
10 of eleven members appointed by the board. The council shall
11 advise the board on all matters concerning relay service, and
12 equipment distribution programs, and TTY telephone directory
13 notations.

14 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 477C.8 TELEPHONE DIRECTORY NOTATION
15 FOR TTY TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

16 Any person, firm, or corporation providing telephone
17 service which distributes or causes to be distributed copies
18 of a telephone directory shall provide a notation next to a
19 telephone listing that the number is a TTY telephone number,
20 or provide a complete listing of TTY telephone numbers within
21 the directory. Telephone service providers shall provide a
22 notation that a listed number is a TTY telephone number in
23 every section of a telephone directory within which the number
24 appears, including the residential, business, and advertising
25 sections. A telephone service provider shall be deemed to
26 have met the requirements of this section by providing for a
27 separate TTY reference section within the directory, listed in
28 the directory index and designated in the directory by the
29 notation "see TTY page".

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EXPLANATION

31 This bill provides that any person, firm, or corporation
32 providing telephone service which distributes or causes to be
33 distributed copies of a telephone directory shall provide a
34 notation next to a telephone listing that the number is a TTY
35 telephone number, or provide a complete listing of TTY

1 telephone numbers within the directory. The notation that a
2 telephone number is a TTY number shall be made in each section
3 of the telephone directory within which the number appears,
4 including the residential, business, and advertising sections.
5 The bill provides that "TTY" refers to a text telephone device
6 utilized to communicate with or between persons who are deaf
7 or hard-of-hearing or who have speech impairments, by typing
8 and reading text. The bill provides that the requirement that
9 TTY numbers be listed may be met by establishing a separate
10 TTY reference section within the directory, listed in the
11 directory index and designated in the directory by the
12 notation "see TTY page". The bill additionally provides that
13 the dual party relay council established in Code section
14 477C.5 shall include TTY telephone directory listings within
15 the scope of the matters upon which it advises the utilities
16 board created pursuant to Code section 474.1.

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