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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the funding of the dual party relay service  
2 through assessments on telecommunications carriers providing  
3 telephone service.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 477C.7, Code 2005, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 477C.7 FUNDING.

4 1. The board shall impose an annual assessment to fund the  
5 programs described in this chapter upon all telephone  
6 utilities telecommunications carriers providing service in the  
7 state ~~as follows:~~.

8 ~~1.~~ 2. The total assessment shall be allocated ~~one-half to~~  
9 ~~local-exchange-telephone-utilities-and-one-half-to-the~~  
10 ~~following-telephone-utilities~~ as follows:

11 a. Wireless communications service providers shall be  
12 assessed three cents per month for each wireless  
13 communications service number provided in this state.

14 b. (1) The remainder of the assessment shall be allocated  
15 one-half to local exchange telephone utilities and one-half to  
16 the following:

17 ~~a.~~ (a) Interexchange carriers.

18 ~~b.~~ (b) Centralized equal access providers.

19 ~~c.~~ (c) Alternative operator services companies.

20 ~~2.~~ (2) The assessment shall be ~~levied~~ allocated  
21 proportionally based upon revenues from all intrastate  
22 regulated, deregulated, and exempt telephone services under  
23 sections 476.1 and 476.1D.

24 3. The ~~telephone-utilities~~ telecommunications carriers  
25 shall remit the assessed amounts quarterly to a special fund,  
26 as defined under section 8.2, subsection 9. The moneys in the  
27 fund are appropriated solely to plan, establish, administer,  
28 and promote the relay service and equipment distribution  
29 programs.

30 4. The ~~telephone-utilities~~ telecommunications carriers  
31 subject to assessment shall provide the information requested  
32 by the board necessary for implementation of the assessment.

33 5. The local exchange telephone utilities shall not  
34 recover from intrastate access charges any portion of such  
35 utilities assessment imposed under this section.

EXPLANATION

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2 This bill relates to the funding of the dual party relay  
3 service through an assessment on telecommunications carriers  
4 providing telephone service in this state. Under current law,  
5 the dual party relay service is funded through an assessment  
6 that is allocated one-half to local exchange telephone  
7 utilities and one-half to interexchange carriers, centralized  
8 equal access carriers, and alternative operator services  
9 companies. The bill reallocates the assessment by providing  
10 that wireless communications service providers pay three cents  
11 per month per wireless number provided in this state. The  
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13 on revenues, one-half to local exchange service providers and  
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13 b. Centralized equal access providers.  
14 c. Alternative operator services companies.  
15 d. Local exchange telephone utilities.  
16 e. Wireless communications service providers.

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