

HOUSE No. 3118

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act to establish reduced telephone rates for deaf residents of the commonwealth..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 84-A-H of Chapter 6 as created by St. 1974, ch. 805, section 1 is
2 hereby amended by adding the following new section 84I: —Section 84I. The Office of Deafness
3 shall be responsible for insuring that every deaf resident of the Commonwealth shall be eligible
4 for reduced telephone rates. The office shall require that wherever there are five or more public
5 telephones located in close proximity to each other, one of these shall be a telephone which can
6 be used by a deaf person. Reduced telephone rates as provided for in this section shall be charged
7 to the customer in accordance with the message unit rate approved by the Department. Reduced
8 telephone rates shall be available only to residential telephone customers.