

HOUSE No. 3063

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo M. Scaccia

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>

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By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3063) of Angelo M. Scaccia that provision be made for reduced telephone rates for deaf residents of the Commonwealth. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3118 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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
3 Deafness shall be responsible for insuring that every deaf resident of the Commonwealth shall be
4 eligible for reduced telephone rates. The office shall require that wherever there are five or more
5 public telephones located in close proximity to each other, one of these shall be a telephone
6 which can be used by a deaf person. Reduced telephone rates as provided for in this section shall
7 be charged to the customer in accordance with the message unit rate approved by the
8 Department. Reduced telephone rates shall be available only to residential telephone customers.