

# House Study Bill 90

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
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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:  
5 TLSB 1790HC 81  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 477C.7, Code 2005, is amended to read  
1 2 as follows:  
1 3 477C.7 FUNDING.  
1 4 The board shall impose an annual assessment to fund the  
1 5 programs ~~described in this chapter~~ upon all ~~telephone~~  
1 6 ~~utilities telecommunications carriers~~ providing telephone  
1 7 service in the state as follows:  
1 8 1. The total assessment shall be allocated ~~one-half to~~  
1 9 ~~local exchange telephone utilities and one-half to~~  
1 10 ~~proportionately based on revenues among~~ the following  
1 11 ~~telephone utilities telecommunications carriers~~:  
1 12 a. Interexchange carriers.  
1 13 b. Centralized equal access providers.  
1 14 c. Alternative operator services companies.  
1 15 d. Local exchange telephone utilities.  
1 16 e. Wireless communications service providers.  
1 17 2. The assessment shall be levied upon revenues from all  
1 18 intrastate regulated, deregulated, and exempt telephone  
1 19 services under sections 476.1 and 476.1D.  
1 20 3. The ~~telephone utilities telecommunications carriers~~  
1 21 shall remit the assessed amounts quarterly to a special fund,  
1 22 as defined under section 8.2, subsection 9. The moneys in the  
1 23 fund are appropriated solely to plan, establish, administer,  
1 24 and promote the relay service and equipment distribution  
1 25 programs.  
1 26 4. The ~~telephone utilities telecommunications carriers~~  
1 27 subject to assessment shall provide the information requested  
1 28 by the board necessary for implementation of the assessment.  
1 29 5. The local exchange telephone utilities shall not  
1 30 recover from intrastate access charges any portion of such  
1 31 utilities assessment imposed under this section.

### EXPLANATION

1 33 This bill relates to the funding of the dual party relay  
1 34 service through an assessment on telecommunications carriers  
1 35 providing telephone service in this state. Under current law,  
2 1 the dual party relay service is funded through an assessment  
2 2 that is allocated one-half to local exchange telephone  
2 3 utilities and one-half to interexchange carriers, centralized  
2 4 equal access carriers, and alternative operator services  
2 5 companies. The bill reallocates the assessment between  
2 6 interexchange carriers, centralized equal access providers,  
2 7 alternative operator services companies, local exchange  
2 8 telephone utilities, and wireless communications service  
2 9 providers. The bill allocates the assessment proportionately  
2 10 based on revenues.  
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