

# Senate Study Bill 1047

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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 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.

1 32 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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