

machines for the benefit of deaf persons in [[all State]] certain government agencies and other public facilities; [[providing for teletype machines in the homes of certain deaf persons who have a gross income of \$5,000 or less, under certain conditions;]] and requiring that these machines be connected electronically within toll-free telephone districts.

BY adding to

Article 78A - Public Works  
Section 51A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 51A be and it is hereby added to Article 78A - Public Works, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 78A - Public Works

51A.

[[THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, IN COOPERATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL PROVIDE TELETYPE MACHINES IN A CENTRAL LOCATION IN ALL MAJOR STATE AGENCIES. TELETYPE MACHINES SHALL BE PROVIDED WITHOUT COST IN THE HOMES OF DEAF PERSONS WHOSE GROSS INCOME IS LESS THAN \$5,000 A YEAR. THESE MACHINES SHALL BE CONNECTED ELECTRONICALLY SO AS TO PROVIDE A MEANS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DEAF PERSONS AND THE OFFICES OF MAJOR STATE AGENCIES. ]]

(A) THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES SHALL, UPON THE JOINT RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, PROVIDE TELETYPE MACHINES IN CENTRAL LOCATIONS IN AGENCIES OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES AS RECOMMENDED FOR THE USE OF DEAF PERSONS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BUDGET.

(B) THESE MACHINES SHALL BE CONNECTED ELECTRONICALLY SO AS TO PROVIDE A MEANS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DEAF PERSONS AND THE OFFICES OF MAJOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FACILITIES EQUIPPED WITH THESE MACHINES WITHIN A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE DISTRICT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.