

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "BOARD" MEANS THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS BOARD.

(C) "DUAL PARTY TELEPHONE MESSAGE RELAY PROGRAM" MEANS A SERVICE WHEREBY A TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE FOR THE DEAF COMMUNICATES WITH AN INTERMEDIARY PARTY WHO THEN VERBALLY RELAYS THE FIRST PARTY'S MESSAGE TO THE THIRD PARTY, AND VICE VERSA.

(D) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE DUAL PARTY TELEPHONE MESSAGE RELAY PROGRAM FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS.

(E) "PROGRAM PARTICIPANT" MEANS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE CERTIFIED, BY A PHYSICIAN OR AUDIOLOGIST, AS DEAF OR HEARING IMPAIRED, SPEECH IMPAIRED, VISION AND SPEECH IMPAIRED, OR MOBILITY IMPAIRED WHO NEEDS A RELAY SYSTEM IN-ORDER- TO USE THE BASIC TELEPHONE NETWORK.

(F) "TELEPHONE COMPANY" INCLUDES ANY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY THAT OWNS TELEPHONE LINES FOR THE RECEPTION, TRANSMISSION, OR COMMUNICATION OF MESSAGES BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE, OR THAT LEASES OR SELLS TELEPHONIC OR TELETYPE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT.

(G) "TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE FOR THE DEAF" OR "TDD" MEANS ALL TYPES OF MECHANICAL DEVICES THAT ENABLE DISABLED INDIVIDUALS TO TYPE PHONE MESSAGES THROUGH THE TELEPHONE NETWORK.

6-502.

THERE IS A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS BOARD UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

6-503.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE COST-EFFICIENT, 24-HOUR, DUAL PARTY TELEPHONE MESSAGE RELAY SERVICE TO PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.

6-504.

(A) THE BOARD SHALL BE COMPOSED OF ~~19~~ 11 INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WHO SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN, INCLUDING:

~~(1)--A-REPRESENTATIVE-FROM-A-LOCAL-TELEPHONE-COMPANY;~~

~~(2)--A--REPRESENTATIVE--FROM-A-LONG-DISTANCE-TELEPHONE COMPANY;~~