

CHAPTER 118

(Senate Bill 817)

AN ACT concerning

Telecommunications Access of Maryland – Dual Party Telephone Relay Program

FOR the purpose of repealing the provision of law pertaining to the termination of the surcharge to be paid by the subscribers of switched local telephone exchange access service, thereby extending indefinitely the authority of the Public Service Commission to assess a surcharge against subscribers to certain local telephone service to fund the dual party telephone relay program; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the Telecommunications Access of Maryland Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments
Section 6-507
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 598 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1991
Section 2

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments

6-507.

(a) The program shall be funded as provided in the State budget.

(b) There is a Universal Service Trust Fund created for the purpose of paying the costs of maintaining and operating the program subject to the limitations and controls provided in this subtitle. Moneys in the Universal Service Trust Fund shall be held in the State Treasury.

(c) (1) [Until June 30, 1993, the] THE costs of the program shall be funded by revenues generated by a surcharge to be paid by the subscribers to switched local exchange access service and by other funds as the budget may provide.

(2) The surcharge may not exceed 45 cents per month and shall be applied to all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service in the State. The surcharge is payable at the time the bills for telephone service are due.

(d) (1) The Secretary of the Department of General Services shall annually certify to the Public Service Commission the costs of the program to be paid by the Universal Service Trust Fund.