

(2) The Public Service Commission shall determine the surcharge necessary to fund the program and shall, on 60 days' notice, direct the affected telephone companies to add the surcharge to all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service in the State.

(e) The affected telephone companies shall act as collection agents for the Universal Service Trust Fund and shall remit all proceeds monthly to the Comptroller for deposit to the Universal Service Trust Fund. The telephone companies shall be entitled to credit against these proceeds an amount equal to 1 1/2 percent of these proceeds to cover the expenses of billing, collecting, and remitting the surcharge and any additional charges.

(f) The Secretary of General Services shall administer the Universal Service Trust Fund subject to the provisions for financial management and budgeting established by the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning. The income derived from investment of money in the Fund shall accrue to the Fund.

(g) The Legislative Auditor shall conduct postaudits of a fiscal and compliance nature of the Universal Service Trust Fund and of the expenditures made for purposes of this subtitle. The cost of the fiscal portion of the postaudit examination shall be paid from the Universal Service Trust Fund as an administrative cost.

Chapter 598 of the Acts of 1991

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Article 41, Section 6-507 of the Code, effective July 1, 1991 the Public Service Commission shall assess a surcharge against subscribers to switched local exchange service to be used to pay the costs of maintaining and operating the dual party telephone relay program required by this Act. The amount of the surcharge shall be determined by the Commission and shall be applied to all current bills rendered for switched local access service in the State. The money collected through the surcharge shall be deposited with the Comptroller in the Universal Service Trust Fund that is established under Article 41, Section 6-507 of the Code. [On and after June 30, 1993, the affected telephone companies shall cease collecting the surcharge.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1993.

Approved April 26, 1993.

CHAPTER 119

(Senate Bill 841)

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation Insurance - Competitive Rating

FOR the purpose of delaying the termination of competitive rating for workers' compensation insurance.