

(2) THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE THE SURCHARGE NECESSARY TO FUND THE PROGRAMS UNDER ~~§ 3A-503~~ § 3A-504(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND § 3A-602(A) OF THIS TITLE 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) (1) 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.

(2) THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES SHALL BE ENTITLED TO CREDIT AGAINST THESE PROCEEDS IN 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) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE TRUST FUND.

(2) THE INCOME DERIVED FROM INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL ACCRUE TO THE FUND.

(G) (1) THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR SHALL CONDUCT POSTAUDITS OF A FISCAL AND COMPLIANCE NATURE OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE TRUST FUND AND THE EXPENDITURES MADE FOR PURPOSES OF ~~§ 3A-503~~ § 3A-504(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND § 3A-602(A) OF THIS TITLE.

(2) THE COST OF THE FISCAL PORTION OF THE POSTAUDIT EXAMINATION SHALL BE PAID FROM THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE TRUST FUND AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE COST.

SUBTITLE 6. TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES AND DISTRIBUTION OF ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS.

3A-601.

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