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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing limitations on telephone
3 installation charges.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1317. Limitation on telephone installation charges.

9 (a) Single-line residential service.--Telephone company
10 installation charges for single-line residential service shall
11 not exceed four times the base monthly rate for the use of a
12 single private line at that residential service location. This
13 installation charge ceiling shall be the same for private, party
14 and other single-line residential installations.

15 (b) Single-line business service.--Telephone company
16 installation charges for single-line business service shall not
17 exceed four times the base monthly rate for the use of a single
18 private business line at that service location.

1 (c) Installment billing.--The installation charges shall be
2 billed to the customer in four installments on four monthly
3 bills.

4 (d) Actual cost.--If the actual cost to the telephone
5 company is less than that calculated by the formula in
6 subsection (a) or (b), that actual cost shall be the maximum
7 charge leviable.

8 (e) Excess costs to be blended.--If the actual costs to the
9 telephone company exceed those allowed under this section, the
10 excess costs are to be blended with general telephone service
11 billings as approved by the commission from time to time and are
12 not to be factored into any installation charges for other than
13 single-line installation.

14 (f) Charges for other than single-line installations not
15 affected.--Except for the restriction in subsection (e), nothing
16 in this section shall be construed to alter or limit the charges
17 for installation services for other than single-line
18 installations.

19 (g) Definitions.--As used in this section the following
20 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
21 subsection:

22 "Installation charge." The fees and costs billed to the
23 customer to establish telephone service at a given location. The
24 term includes the charges related to processing the installation
25 order, switching done away from the service location, simplest
26 directory listing and all other costs, fees and charges
27 attendant to establishing such service.

28 "Single-line telephone installation." One line to one point
29 in the service location. It shall not include rental of a
30 telephone instrument itself. The capacity to take a second call

- 1 on a "call waiting" system shall not invalidate the single-line
- 2 status.
- 3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.