
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 537 Session of
1995

INTRODUCED BY KASUNIC, O'PAKE, BELAN, PORTERFIELD, STOUT,
RHOADES, STAPLETON, DELP, ROBBINS, PETERSON, ANDREZESKI,
WAGNER AND FISHER, FEBRUARY 14, 1995

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
JUNE 28, 1996

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR BUDGET AND FEES; <—
3 AND providing for State correctional institutions.

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 SECTION 1. SECTION 2414(B) OF TITLE 66 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA <—
9 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED TO READ:

10 § 2414. BUDGET AND FEES.

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12 (B) FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND FEES.--

13 (1) THE FISCAL YEAR FOR THE FUND SHALL COMMENCE ON JULY
14 1 OF EACH YEAR. [PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE]
15 THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A BUDGET AND PROPOSED FEE
16 SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR ALONG WITH COMPREHENSIVE

1 FINANCIAL DATA FROM THE PAST FISCAL YEAR TO THE HOUSE
2 CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE CONSUMER PROTECTION
3 AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE COMMITTEE[. UNLESS EITHER] ON OR
4 BEFORE MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR. IF THE SENATE [OR] AND THE HOUSE
5 OF REPRESENTATIVES [ACTS] FAIL TO DISAPPROVE THROUGH ADOPTION
6 OF A RESOLUTION [WITHIN TEN LEGISLATIVE DAYS FROM THE
7 SUBMISSION] BY JUNE 1, THE COMMISSION FEE SCHEDULE SHALL
8 BECOME EFFECTIVE SUBJECT TO RECALCULATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH
9 PARAGRAPH (2). THE COMMISSION SHALL NOTIFY ALL MEDALLION
10 HOLDERS OF THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR BY
11 CERTIFIED LETTER.

12 (2) NOT BEFORE JUNE 1 AND NO LATER THAN JULY 31 OF EACH
13 YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL RECALCULATE ITS FEE SCHEDULE BASED
14 ON FINANCIAL DATA AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION THAT BECAME
15 AVAILABLE FOLLOWING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSED FEE
16 SCHEDULE. IF THE RECALCULATION RESULTS IN REDUCED FEES, THE
17 FEE SCHEDULE SHALL BE ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THE REDUCTION.
18 OTHERWISE, NO ADJUSTMENT SHALL BE MADE TO THE SCHEDULE FOR
19 THE 1996-1997 FISCAL YEAR. FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR,
20 THE FEE SCHEDULE MAY BE ADJUSTED TO REFLECT EITHER A
21 REDUCTION OR INCREASE IN FEES. THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT
22 ANY REVISED FEE SCHEDULE TO THE CONSUMER PROTECTION AND
23 PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE
24 CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
25 THE COMMISSION SHALL NOTIFY ALL MEDALLION HOLDERS OF THE
26 REDUCED FEE SCHEDULE BY CERTIFIED LETTER. A MEDALLION HOLDER
27 WHO HAS PAID A FEE PRIOR TO ANY REDUCTION SHALL BE ENTITLED
28 TO A REFUND OR CREDIT AS WARRANTED.

29 SECTION 2. TITLE 66 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:

30 § 2907. State correctional institutions.

1 (a) Identification of calls.--Telecommunication service
2 providers which provide telecommunication services to State
3 correctional institutions shall identify all calls made by <—
4 inmates TO THE CALLED PARTY ANY CALL MADE BY AN INMATE as <—
5 originating from a State correctional facility INSTITUTION. <—

6 ~~(b) Collect calls. All personal calls made by inmates shall~~ <—

7 (B) COLLECT CALLS.-- <—

8 (1) ALL CALLS MADE BY INMATES SHALL be collect calls
9 only. The person receiving the call shall be notified that <—
10 the call may be recorded or monitored.

11 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1), IN THE CASE OF AN <—
12 EMERGENCY, THE SUPERINTENDENT MAY AUTHORIZE A PHONE CALL TO
13 BE MADE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF STAFF. THE CHARGE FOR THE
14 CALL SHALL BE BORNE BY THE INMATE.

15 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~ <—

16 SECTION 3. THE AMENDMENT OF 66 PA.C.S. § 2414(B) SHALL BE <—
17 RETROACTIVE TO JUNE 1, 1996.

18 SECTION 4. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS FOLLOWS:

19 (1) THE ADDITION OF 66 PA.C.S. § 2907 SHALL TAKE EFFECT
20 IN 60 DAYS.

21 (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT
22 IMMEDIATELY.