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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 20, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 9, 1990 (P.L.340, No.78), entitled "An
2 act providing for a Statewide emergency telephone number 911
3 system; providing for contributions from telephone
4 subscribers; providing a penalty; and making a repeal,"
5 adding a definition of "telephone service"; and further
6 defining "telephone subscriber."

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The definition of "telephone subscriber" in
10 section 2 of the act of July 9, 1990 (P.L.340, No.78), known as
11 the Public Safety Emergency Telephone Act, amended February 12,
12 1998 (P.L.64, No.17), is amended and the section is amended by
13 adding a definition to read:

14 Section 2. Definitions.

15 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
16 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
17 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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1 "Telephone service." Includes, but is not limited to, any
2 service provided for a charge or compensation to facilitate the
3 origination, transmission, emission or reception of signs,
4 signals, data, writings, images and sounds or intelligence of
5 any nature by telephone, including cellular and wireless
6 telephones and wire, radio, electromagnetic, photoelectronic or
7 photo-optical system.

8 "Telephone subscriber." A person who contracts [with a
9 telephone company] within this Commonwealth for local exchange
10 telephone service, either residential or commercial. When the
11 same person has several telephone dial tone access lines, each
12 dial tone access line shall constitute a separate subscription.
13 For purposes of the contribution rate, the term shall not
14 include pay stations owned or operated by a regulated public
15 utility.

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17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.