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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 813
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “**Telephones**” insert “**and Telecommunication Devices**”; in line 5, after “telephone” insert “**and, under certain circumstances, a telecommunication device**”; and in line 6, after “telephone” insert “**and telecommunication device**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike line 16 in its entirety and substitute:

“(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “HEALTH CARE FACILITY” MEANS:;

and in lines 17, 18, 19, and 20, strike “(1)”, “(2)”, “(3)”, and “(4)”, respectively, and substitute “(I)”, “(II)”, “(III)”, and “(IV)”, respectively.

On page 2, in line 3, strike “(5)” and substitute “(V)”; after line 3, insert:

“(3) “TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE” MEANS:

(I) A TEXT-BASED COMMUNICATION DEVICE;

(II) TDD/TT/TTY;

(III) AN AMPLIFIER;

(IV) A VIDEO RELAY SERVICE;

(V) A CAPTIONED TELEPHONE;

**(VI) A VIDEOPHONE WITH A PORTABLE STAND OR FIXED
INSTALLATION;**

(VII) A PUFF BLOW DEVICE;

(VIII) A BRAILLE-TTY DEVICE; OR

**(IX) TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR THE MOBILITY
DISABLED.”;**

in line 6, strike “A” and substitute “:

(I) A”;

in the same line, after “TELEPHONE” insert “**;**AND

**(II) IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS DEAF, DEAFBLIND, HARD OF
HEARING, SUFFERING FROM HEARING LOSS, OR HAS A DISABILITY THAT
PREVENTS THE USE OF A STANDARD TELEPHONE, A TELECOMMUNICATION
DEVICE”;**

after line 7, insert:

“(I) ENSURE THAT A MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY CONDUCTS AN ASSESSMENT TO IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS THE COMMUNICATION NEEDS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL ADMITTED TO THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY;”;

in lines 8, 11, 13, and 15, strike “(I)”, “(II)”, “(III)”, and “(IV)”, respectively, and substitute “(II)”, “(III)”, “(IV)”, and “(V)”, respectively; in line 9, after “TELEPHONE” insert “AND TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE”; in line 11, after “TELEPHONE” insert “AND, IF REQUIRED, A TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE”; in lines 13 and 15, in each instance, strike “IS” and substitute “AND TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE ARE”; strike in their entirety lines 17 through 20, inclusive, and substitute:

“(VI) ENSURE THAT THE TELEPHONE IS USABLE WITH ALL FORMS OF TELECOMMUNICATION RELAY SERVICES;

“(VII) ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUAL ROOMS HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH-SPEED INTERNET WITH SUFFICIENT BANDWIDTH TO SUPPORT VIDEO COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING VIDEOPHONES AND VIDEO REMOTE INTERPRETING;

“(VIII) ENSURE THAT STAFF MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY RECEIVE ANNUAL TRAINING ON THE USE OF TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES, INCLUDING TRAINING REGARDING HOW TO ACCESS TECHNICAL SUPPORT;

“(IX) ENSURE THAT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR TELEPHONES AND TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES IS READILY AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE WITHIN THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY; AND”;

in line 21, strike “(VI)” and substitute “(X)”; in line 25, after “MEMBER” insert “, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR REPRESENTATIVE”; and in line 28, after “TELEPHONE” insert “OR TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE”.

On page 3, in line 7, after “TELEPHONE” insert “OR TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE”; in line 9, after “ACKNOWLEDGMENT” insert “THAT A VALID MEDICAL NEED EXISTS FOR THE RESTRICTION”; in the same line, strike “THE” and substitute “:

(I) THE”;

strike beginning with “THAT” in line 9 down through “RESTRICTION” in line 10 and substitute “;OR

(II) IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE WRITTEN CONFIRMATION DUE TO A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CONDITION, A FAMILY MEMBER, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INDIVIDUAL”;

and in line 12, strike “(B)(2)(VI)2” and substitute “(B)(2)(X)2”.