

March 29, 1999

S 547. TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE. *TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE TO ASSIST DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED PERSONS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ALSO HAVE VISION IMPAIRMENT.* Amends G.S. 62-157 to replace dual party relay system with a telecommunications relay service for hearing impaired or speech impaired persons that will also provide service to those with vision impairment. Specifies that Utilities Comm'n can allow a portion of the surcharge collected by local providers and deposited with the State treasurer to be used to provide telecommunication devices for hearing impaired or speech impaired persons, including those who also have vision impairment, through a distribution program. Act effective when it becomes law.

Intro. by Hoyle.

Ref. to Finance

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June 24, 1999

S 547. TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE. Intro. 03/29/99. Senate committee substitute changes the 1st edition by adding a requirement that the Dep't of Health and Human Services file the comprehensive financial and operational report on the telecommunications relay service program with the Revenue Laws Study Committee as well as with the Comm'n and its Public Staff.