

No. 2002-181

AN ACT

HB 2424

Amending the act of July 6, 1995 (P.L.255, No.34), entitled "An act providing for dual party relay services and for telecommunication device distribution," further defining "persons with a disability" or "people with disabilities."

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

Section 1. The definition of "persons with a disability" or "people with disabilities" in section 2 of the act of July 6, 1995 (P.L.255, No.34), known as the Dual Party Relay Service and Telecommunication Device Distribution Program Act, is amended to read:

Section 2. Definitions.

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

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"Persons with a disability" or "people with disabilities." A person certified [as being deaf, deaf-blind, hard-of-hearing, having a hearing loss or speech impaired] by a licensed physician, audiologist, speech pathologist or a qualified State agency[.]:

(1) As being deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing, having a hearing loss or being speech impaired.

(2) As having a disability and who requires technology to independently access telecommunications services.

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

APPROVED—The 9th day of December, A.D. 2002.

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