

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 03063**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Angelo M. Scaccia*

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to establish reduced telephone rates for deaf residents of the Commonwealth

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Angelo M. Scaccia*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*14th Suffolk*

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By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3063) of Scaccia that provision be made for reduced telephone rates for deaf residents of the Commonwealth Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 3118 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to establish reduced telephone rates for deaf residents of the Commonwealth  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 84-A-H of Chapter 6 as created by St. 1974, ch. 805, section 1 is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following new section 84I: — Section 84I. The Office of  
3 Deafness shall be responsible for insuring that every deaf resident of the Commonwealth shall be  
4 eligible for reduced telephone rates. The office shall require that wherever there are five or more  
5 public telephones located in close proximity to each other, one of these shall be a telephone  
6 which can be used by a deaf person. Reduced telephone rates as provided for in this section shall  
7 be charged to the customer in accordance with the message unit rate approved by the  
8 Department. Reduced telephone rates shall be available only to residential telephone customers.