

1983 Senate Bill 92

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1983 Wisconsin Act 427

AN ACT to create 20.435 (4) (cm) and 46.90 of the statutes, relating to telephone service to the hearing impaired and making an appropriation.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	1983-84	1984-85
<b>20.435 Health and social services, department of</b>		
(4 ) COMMUNITY SERVICES		
(cm) Telecommunication aid for the hearing impaired GPR A	0	100,000

SECTION 2. 20.435 (4) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.435 (4) (cm) *Telecommunication aid for the hearing impaired.* The amounts in the schedule for the purpose of providing assistance under the telecommunication assistance program for the hearing impaired under s. 46.90.

SECTION 3. 46.90 of the statutes is created to read:

**46.90 Telecommunication aid for the hearing impaired.** (1) ASSISTANCE. From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (4) (cm), beginning on the first day of the 6th month commencing after publication of this act (1983), the department shall, subject to the availability of funds, provide assistance to deaf and severely hearing impaired persons to secure telecommunication devices capable of serving their needs. Except in extraordinary circumstances, the department shall purchase or provide funds for the purchase of telecommunication devices.

(2) ELIGIBILITY. A person is eligible to receive assistance under sub. (1) if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The person is certified as deaf or severely hearing impaired by a licensed physician, an audiologist certified by the American speech and hearing association or the department.

(b) The adjusted gross income of the person's family is equal to or less than 200% of the poverty line established under 42 USC 9902 (2).

(3) HEARING RIGHTS. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the department under this section has a right to a contested case hearing under ch. 227.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL DUTIES. The department shall:

(a) Promulgate rules necessary for the administration of this section.

(b) Establish application procedures and determine eligibility.

**SECTION 4. Appropriation changes; health and social services.** The appropriation to the department of health and social services under section 20.435 (4) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1983, is increased by \$4,300 for fiscal year 1983-84 and by \$25,600 for fiscal year 1984-85 for the purpose of funding 1.0 GPR project position to establish the assistance program under section 46.90 of the statutes, for deaf and severely hearing impaired persons to enable them to secure telecommunication devices.

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