

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 356

2 INTRODUCED BY M. FUNK

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CHANGING THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
5 TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES; AMENDING SECTION  
6 2-15-2212, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 **Section 1.** Section 2-15-2212, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"2-15-2212. Committee on telecommunications access services for persons with disabilities --**  
12 **composition -- allocation.** (1) There is a committee on ~~Montana~~ telecommunications access services for  
13 persons with disabilities.

14 (2) The committee consists of 13 members appointed by the governor as follows:

15 (a) four members who are persons with disabilities, two of whom must be deaf or hard-of-hearing;

16 (b) two members who are not persons with disabilities, one of whom must be engaged in a business  
17 other than a business in the telecommunications industry and one of whom must be a senior citizen;

18 (c) one member from the department of public health and human services;

19 (d) one member from ~~the largest service provider in Montana~~ a public safety answering point, as defined  
20 in 10-4-101, who has knowledge of emergency communications issues for individuals who are deaf or  
21 hard-of-hearing;

22 (e) one member from an independent service provider;

23 (f) one member from an interLATA interexchange carrier;

24 (g) one member from the public service commission;

25 (h) one member who is a licensed audiologist; and

26 (i) one member from the department of administration.

27 (3) The committee is allocated to the department of public health and human services for administrative  
28 purposes only as provided in 2-15-121."

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30 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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