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LLS NO. 11-0724.01 Debbie Haskins

HOUSE BILL 11-1224

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Joshi,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees
Transportation

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE LOW-INCOME TELEPHONE
102 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billssummaries>.)

The low-income telephone assistance program provides a state subsidy over and above the federal subsidy to eligible low-income individuals to offset the cost of their telephone land line and is funded by a monthly charge assessed on business and residential access lines. The bill repeals the program and eliminates the collection of the monthly fee,

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

effective July 1, 2011.

The bill makes a conforming amendment.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Repeal.** Article 3.4 of title 40, Colorado Revised
3 Statutes, is repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** 40-3-106 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read:

6 **40-3-106. Advantages prohibited - graduated schedules -**
7 **consideration of household income and other factors - definitions.**

8 (1) (a) Except when operating under paragraph (c) or (d) of this
9 subsection (1), ~~or pursuant to article 3.4 of this title,~~ no public utility, as
10 to rates, charges, service, or facilities, or in any other respect, shall make
11 or grant any preference or advantage to any corporation or person or
12 subject any corporation or person to any prejudice or disadvantage. No
13 public utility shall establish or maintain any unreasonable difference as
14 to rates, charges, service, facilities, or in any respect, either between
15 localities or as between any class of service. The commission has the
16 power to determine any question of fact arising under this section.

17 **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1,
18 2011.

19 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.