## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1122

Page 1, line 1, after "sections" insert "54-44.8-01," and after "54-44.8-03" insert a comma Page 1, after line 4, insert:

"**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-44.8-01 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**54-44.8-01. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Administrator" means the individual employed by the division to oversee administration of the program.
- 2. "Commission" means the public service commission.
- 3. "Communications impaired" means the condition of an individual who is deaf, hearing impaired, or speech impaired, or mobility impaired so as to be unable to use a telephone readily purchased from a retail store.
- 4. "Disadvantaged" means residing in a household that has a median income not more than the applicable median income in this state, except the term includes residing in a household that has a median income not more than one hundred fifty percent of the applicable median income in this state if the resident is deaf.
- <u>5.</u> "Division" means the information services division of the office of management and budget.
- 5. 6. "Local exchange company" means a telecommunications company that provides telephone access lines to members of the general public who are its customers.
- 6. 7. "Program" means the program established under section 54-44.8-03.
- 7. 8. "Radio communications access" means the radio access between a customer of a radio communications service provider and the provider.
- 8. 9. "Radio communications service provider" means a telecommunications company that provides radio communication service or cellular service to members of the general public who are its customers.
- 9. 10. "Specialized telecommunications equipment" means a device that, when connected to a telephone, enables or assists a person who is communications impaired to communicate with another person utilizing the telephone network. The term may include telecommunications devices for the deaf, amplifiers, and signaling devices.
- 11. "Telecommunications relay service" means a statewide service through which a communications-impaired individual, using specialized telecommunications equipment, may send and receive messages to and from a noncommunications-impaired individual whose telephone is not equipped with specialized telecommunications equipment and through

which a noncommunications-impaired individual, by using voice communication, may send and receive messages to and from a communications-impaired individual.

41. 12. "Telephone access line" means the facilities between a serving central office and the customer of a local exchange company which are required to provide access to the local and toll network."

Renumber accordingly