

1 AN ACT concerning telecommunications.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding
5 Section 13-501.5 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/13-501.5 new)

7 Sec. 13-501.5. Directory assistance service for the
8 blind. Within 180 days after the effective date of this
9 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, a
10 telecommunications carrier that provides directory assistance
11 service shall provide in its tariffs for that service that
12 directory assistance shall be provided at no charge to its
13 customers who are legally blind for telephone numbers of
14 customers located within the same calling area, as described
15 in the telecommunications carrier's tariff.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.