

2018 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 27

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

TAX: Increases the tax on certain telecommunication devices and services (Item #10)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1061(A)(1), relative to telecommunication taxes; to provide  
3 with respect to the rate of the tax levied on certain telecommunications devices and  
4 services; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 47:1061(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1061. Telecommunication tax for the deaf

8 A.(1) There is hereby levied a tax of ~~four and one-half~~ five cents per month  
9 to be assessed per line for each wireline access line and per telephone number for  
10 each wireless handset device on each residential and business customer of a local or  
11 wireless telecommunication service company operating in Louisiana. The tax shall  
12 be collected from each residential and business customer and remitted by each such  
13 company on or before thirty days after the close of each calendar quarter to the  
14 secretary of the Department of Revenue on forms prescribed by the secretary. The  
15 tax provided for in this Paragraph shall not apply to wireless devices used only for  
16 data purposes or to prepaid wireless devices.

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18 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
19 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
20 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

- 1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
2 effective on the day following such approval.
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## DIGEST

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HB 27 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Increases the monthly telecommunications tax levied on wireline access lines and wireless handset devices from 4.5¢ per month to 5¢ per month.

Present law levies a tax of 4.5¢ per month on residential and business customer telephone access lines of local exchange companies operating in La. The tax is collected by the telecommunications company and remitted to the Dept. of Revenue (DOR) on or before 30 days after the close of each calendar quarter on forms prescribed by the secretary. Present law exempts wireless devices used only for data purposes and prepaid wireless devices from the tax.

Proposed law changes present law by increasing the amount of the tax from 4.5¢ per month to 5¢ per month.

Present law requires, after satisfaction of the requirements of the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, monies from the tax to be deposited into the "Telecommunications for the Deaf Fund" to be used to establish, administer, and promote a statewide program to provide accessibility services and assistive technology for persons who are deaf, deaf/blind, hard of hearing, speech impaired, or others with similar disabilities or impairments.

Proposed law retains present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 47:1061(A)(1))