

By Ms. Amick, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1476) of Carol C. Amick for legislation to authorize the purchase of a telecommunication device for the deaf to provide information about state government. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE FOR THE DEAF TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT STATE GOVERNMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Massachusetts Secretary of State is hereby
2 authorized and directed to acquire by purchase a Telecom-
3 munication Device for the deaf, hereinafter referred to as
4 TDD, to be located in the Office of the Secretary of State,
5 Citizen Information Service, which shall provide hearing im-
6 paired citizens with information and referral services related
7 to all aspects of state government.

1 SECTION 2. To carry out the purposes of this act, there
2 shall be funds appropriated from the general fund, subsequent
3 to a public advertisement for proposals from TDD dealers
4 located within the Commonwealth. The Secretary of State
5 shall administer said advertisement and purchase and shall
6 take into consideration the circumstances and terms offered
7 by the several bidders for the above mentioned purchase;
8 may reject any bids received; shall award the contract to
9 such bidder as in his judgement the interests of the Common-
10 wealth may require; shall execute the contract in the name
11 and behalf of the Commonwealth; and may when necessary
12 negotiate for and execute a contract for the service and
13 maintenance of said TDD.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

