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## DIGEST

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HB No. 238

**Abstract:** Decreases the telecommunication tax but expands the services upon which the tax is levied to include long distance, pager, and wireless communications.

Present law provides a monthly \$.05 tax on each residential and business customer telephone access line of the local exchange companies operating in La. Such fee is deposited in the Telecommunications for the Deaf Fund and used to establish, administer, and promote a statewide program to provide accessibility services and assistive technology for persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired.

Proposed law retains present law but decreases the monthly tax from \$.05 to \$.04 and expands the services upon which the tax is levied to include long distance, pager, and wireless telecommunications.

(Amends R.S. 47:1061(A)(1), (2), and (3))