

Clark Anderson and Carol Studenmund submit the following request for an amendment to Senate Bill 569:

1. Section 2 (1)(a)

“Closed-captioned television receiver” means a television and any other apparatus that is designed to receive or play back video programming transmitted simultaneously with sound and that has the technological capability to display closed captioning.

Substitute: “Closed-captioned device is used here to include caption-capable televisions and any other apparatus designed to receive or play back video programming transmitted simultaneously with sound and that the device is capable of transmitting and/or receiving closed –captions. ‘Television’ is used here to include all these devices ”

2. Section 2(1)(d)

“Public area” means a part of a place of public accommodation that is open to the general public.

Add “Place of public accommodation also includes any organization whose private spaces are advertised and/or are open to the public.”

3. Section 2(3)(b):

Whenever closed captioning is disabled on any of the remaining receivers that are not subject to the requirement, the place of public accommodation shall affix to each receiver, or otherwise display, a notice indicating that the receiver does not output sound or that the receiver is on mute.

4. Section 2(5):

A place of public accommodation may temporarily deactivate closed captioning on a closed-captioned television receiver at the request of a person with a visual impairment.

Delete this section. It is not clear how elimination of captions would help those who are vision- impaired and it does sacrifice accommodating the larger population of people who are hearing-impaired.

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