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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 945, L.D. 1436, "An Act to Update and Clarify Provisions Related to 9-1-1 Services"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following:

'Sec. 8. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§2-B, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 68, §1, is amended to read:

**2-B. Cellular or wireless telecommunications service.** "Cellular or wireless telecommunications service" means commercial mobile service as defined in 47 United States Code, Section 332(d), regardless of when payment is required for that service.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 12 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 12. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§13, as amended by PL 2009, c. 400, §1 and affected by §15, is further amended to read:

**13. Prepaid wireless telecommunications service.** "Prepaid wireless telecommunications service" means a cellular or wireless telecommunications service that allows a caller to dial 9-1-1 to access the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system, which service must be paid for in advance and is sold in predetermined units or dollars that declines with use in a known amount.'

Amend the bill in section 23 in §2927-A in subsection 2 in paragraph B in the last line (page 7, line 14 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "bill" the following: 'when practicable. In circumstances in which separately showing the statewide 9-1-1 surcharge on a customer's bill is not practicable, the local exchange telephone utility, cellular or wireless telecommunications service provider or interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider must make the information regarding the amount of the 9-1-1 surcharge available to the customer in another manner'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

## SUMMARY

This amendment changes the definition of "cellular or wireless telecommunications service" in current law to clarify that required timing of the payment does not affect whether a service meets the definition of "cellular or wireless telecommunications service." It also removes changes made by the bill to the definition of "prepaid wireless telecommunications service" except for changing E-9-1-1 to 9-1-1. Lastly, it specifies that the statewide 9-1-1 surcharge under the bill must be shown on a customer's bill separately when practicable, and, when disclosure is not practicable, the local exchange telephone utility, cellular or wireless telecommunications service provider or interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider is required to make the information regarding the amount of the surcharge available to the customer in another manner.

## FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1436

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An Act to Update and Clarify Provisions Related to 9-1-1 Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-203)  
Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund  
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds  
Minor revenue increase - General Fund  
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### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines will increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.