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1 (New Draft of H.P. 738, L.D. 1047)
2 (New Title)
3 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
4

5 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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7 Legislative Document

No. 2255

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9 H.P. 1601

House of Representatives, March 24, 1986

10 Reported by Representative Weymouth from the Committee on Utilities
11 and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill sponsored by Representative
12 Swazey of Bucksport. Cosponsored by Representative Chonko of Topsham,
Senator Baldacci of Penobscot and Representative Weymouth of West
Gardiner.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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14 STATE OF MAINE
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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19 AN ACT to Study Establishment of an Emergency
20 9-1-1 System in Heavily Populated
21 Areas.
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23 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
24 follows:

25 Sec. 1. Findings. A preliminary study in one
26 part of the State has found that a 9-1-1 system has
27 tremendous potential to provide and bring forth
28 efficiencies to municipal public safety department
29 emergency response and public access to public safety
30 assistance in emergency situations.

31 The preliminary study found that the 9-1-1 system
32 is nationally recognized and is presently in use by
33 about a dozen communities in Maine.

34 The preliminary study found that a computerized
35 enhanced 9-1-1 service is now available which can

1 solve some of the problems with using standard 9-1-1
2 in heavily populated areas.

3 **Sec. 2. Study commission established; sunset.** A
4 9-1-1 study commission is established to study the
5 issues relating to implementation of a 9-1-1 emergen-
6 cy telephone service in heavily populated areas for
7 the State. The 9-1-1 study commission shall be com-
8 posed of 3 members: One designated by the Greater
9 Portland Council of Government, one designated by the
10 York County Commissioners and one designated by the
11 Penobscot Valley Council of Governments. Vacancies
12 shall be filled by the appointing authority. Members
13 shall serve without compensation. Staff assistance
14 shall be provided by the member agencies. Technical
15 assistance shall be provided by the Public Utilities
16 Commission and by the Department of Public Safety.
17 The commission shall be dissolved March 1, 1987.

18 **Sec. 3. Report.** The 9-1-1 study commission
19 shall report to the Legislature January 1, 1987, on
20 the feasibility and desirability of a mandatory 9-1-1
21 in the heavily populated areas of the State.

22 **Sec. 4. Funds.** The 9-1-1 study commission may
23 accept funds from public or private organizations or
24 individuals to carry out the purposes of this Act.

25 **Sec. 5. Appropriations.** The following funds are
26 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
27 purposes of this Act.

28 1986-87

29 9-1-1 Study Commission
30 All Other \$3,000

31 These funds are to be di-
32 vided into 3 equal grants
33 to be used by the Greater
34 Portland Council of Gov-
35 ernments, the York County
36 Commissioners and the
37 Penobscot Valley Council
38 of Governments for ex-
39 penses in carrying out the
40 study authorized by sec-
41 tion 2, preparing the re-

1 port required by section
2 3.

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 This new draft establishes a temporary 9-1-1
5 study commission to study implementation of the 9-1-1
6 emergency telephone system in heavily populated areas
7 with a report to the Legislature January 1, 1987.
8 Members are designated by the Greater Portland Coun-
9 cil of Governments, the York County Commissioners and
10 the Penobscot Valley Council of Governments. The
11 \$3,000 is appropriated for the purpose.

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