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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 246, L.D. 655, Bill, "An Act to Eliminate Mandatory Participation in the E-9-1-1 Program"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Extend Mandatory Participation in the E-9-1-1 Program'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and**

**Whereas, the current deadline for a municipality to establish a public safety answering point system in July 1, 1991; and**

**Whereas, there are still many unanswered questions about how best to structure the system that require study; and**

**Whereas, the difficult financial times presently faced by the State and its municipalities require that even desirable programs be postponed until adequate funding is available; and**

**Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 246, L.D. 655

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2923, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 840, §3, is amended to read:

1. Public safety answering point. By July 1, 1991 1995, each municipality shall designate one public safety answering point to serve as the receiving point for all requests for emergency services within that municipality. The Department of Public Safety communication centers shall must serve as public safety answering points for the unorganized territory. If a municipality fails to designate a public safety answering point by July 1, 1991 1995, the department shall designate one for the municipality.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §453-A, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. A, §10 and Pt. C, §10, is repealed.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill and extends the deadline by which a municipality must designate a public safety answering point from July 1, 1991 to July 1, 1995. The amendment also maintains the mandatory participation feature of the original law. The original bill kept the 1991 deadline date but made municipal participation voluntary. The amendment also repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 453-A, which requires that each county establish an E-9-1-1 public safety answering point at the expense of the Department of Public Safety.

Reported by Senator Berube for the Committee on State and Local Government. Reproduced and Distributed Pursuant to Senate Rule 12.

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