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House of Representatives, March 11, 1991

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Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative KETOVER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative PENDEXTER of Scarborough, Senator VOSE of Washington and Senator LUDWIG of Aroostook.

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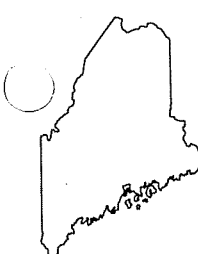
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Enhanced 9-1-1.

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(EMERGENCY)



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

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6           Whereas, current law requires the establishment of a  
statewide E-9-1-1 system and sets July 1, 1991 as the date for  
each municipality to designate a receiving point for all requests  
8 for emergency services within a municipality; and

10           Whereas, additional time is needed to study and plan  
adequately a statewide emergency system; and

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14           Whereas, an extension of the statutory July 1, 1991 deadline  
for designating a receiving point in each municipality is vital  
to the overall implementation of the statewide emergency system  
16 and therefore must not be carried out until a more complete study  
of a statewide emergency system is conducted; and

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20           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  
22 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

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

28           **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2922**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 840, §3, is  
amended to read:

30           **§2922. E-9-1-1 capability**

32           Each telephone utility, as defined in Title 35-A, section  
102, which that furnishes local exchange services within the  
34 State, shall provide, by July 1, ~~1993~~ 1995, selective routing,  
automatic number identification and automatic location  
36 identification features necessary to implement enhanced 9-1-1  
services in this State.

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40           **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2923, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 840,  
§3, is amended to read:

42           **1. Public safety answering point.** By July 1, ~~1991~~ 1993,  
each municipality shall designate one public safety answering  
44 point to serve as the receiving point for all requests for  
emergency services within that municipality. The Department of  
46 Public Safety communication centers shall serve as public safety  
answering points for the unorganized territory. If a  
48 municipality fails to designate a public safety answering point  
by July 1, ~~1991~~ 1993, the department shall designate one for the  
50 municipality.

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

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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8           This bill delays the implementation of the E-9-1-1 system  
for 2 years to study and plan more adequately a system that will  
meet the needs of Maine's citizens.