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No. 1877

S.P. 766

In Senate, March 26, 1996

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

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Utilities and Energy pursuant to Public Law 1993, chapter 566, section 10 and printed under Joint Rule 2.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge. The activities authorized under this chapter are funded through a special statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge to be levied on each residence and business telephone exchange line, including private branch exchange, or PBX, lines and Centrex lines, trunks serving cellular communications providers in the State and semipublic coin and public access lines. The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge may not be imposed on more than 25 lines per customer billing account. Through July 31, 1996, the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is 2¢ per month per line. Beginning August 1, 1996, the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is 20¢ per month per line. The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge must be billed on a monthly basis by each local exchange telephone utility and be shown separately as a statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge on the customer's bill.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Surcharge remittance. Each local exchange telephone utility shall remit the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge revenues collected from its customers pursuant to this section on a monthly basis to the Treasurer of State for deposit in a separate account known as the E-9-1-1 fund.

Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Committee recommendations; budget. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters shall make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs regarding all expenditures from the E-9-1-1 fund established in subsection 2-A.

Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:

7-A. Repeal. Subsections 1-A and 2-A are repealed August 1, 1998.

Sec. 5. 25 MRSA §2928, sub-§2 is enacted to read:

2. Records; confidentiality; disclosure. Any record, recording or information obtained by a public or private safety agency, including a public safety answering point, for the purpose of providing E-9-1-1 services and that reveals the name, address or telephone number of, or information that may identify, a person requesting emergency service or reporting an emergency by placing a 9-1-1 call is confidential pursuant to Title 1,

2 section 402, subsection 3, paragraph A. The information may be
3 disclosed only to public or private safety agencies for
4 processing emergency calls and providing emergency services and
5 to law enforcement officers for investigating criminal conduct.
6 The information may not be utilized for any commercial purpose.

7 **Sec. 6. Commission; report.** On or before February 1, 1997,
8 the Public Utilities Commission shall report to the joint
9 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
10 utilities and energy matters on potential alternative funding
11 mechanisms for long-term funding of the E-9-1-1 system. The
12 report must include recommendations for legislation to implement
13 an alternative funding mechanism.

14 **Sec. 7. Committee; report out legislation.** The joint standing
15 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities
16 and energy matters may report out legislation to the First
17 Regular Session and the Second Regular Session of the 118th
18 Legislature regarding the E-9-1-1 system, including, but not
19 limited to, legislation concerning penalties for violations of
20 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2928.

21 **Sec. 8. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
22 Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

23 **1996-97**

24 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

25 **Emergency Services**
26 **Communication Bureau**

27 All Other	\$1,065,000
28 Capital Expenditures	15,000
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30 TOTAL	<hr/> \$1,080,000

31 Provides funds for municipal addressing
32 support, telephone data base development,
33 public safety answering point equipment
34 acquisition and installation, staff training
35 and consulting services to implement a
36 statewide enhanced 9-1-1 system.

37 **FISCAL NOTE**

38 **1996-97**

39 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

2 The bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to report
to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
4 jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters on or before
February 1, 1997 on alternative funding mechanisms for the
6 E-9-1-1 system. The bill also gives authority to the joint
standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
8 utilities and energy matters to report out legislation regarding
the E-9-1-1 system during the First and Second Regular Sessions
10 of the 118th Legislature.

12 The bill also includes an allocation and a fiscal note.