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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 572, L.D. 812, Bill, "An Act to Allow the State Police to Accept Revenue for Providing Services to Municipalities and Counties"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1508, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 275, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1508. Criminal justice telecommunications and radio communications systems

1. Telecommunications system. The Bureau of the State Police shall provide for the installation, operation and maintenance of a criminal justice telecommunications system for the purpose of promptly collecting, exchanging and distributing information relating to criminal justice problems of the State, counties and municipalities. The system may be connected, directly or indirectly, with similar systems operated and maintained by other states or the Federal Government.

2. Telecommunications expenses; revenue. The Chief of the State Police shall provide for the location and maintenance of the central processing system and telecommunications lines. Federal agencies, state departments and agencies, counties and municipalities shall provide, at their own expense, the

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2 terminals, personnel and supplies for their proper operation.  
3 The Bureau of the State Police may charge the various federal  
4 agencies, state departments and agencies, counties and  
5 municipalities for the installation and maintenance of the  
6 end-user routers and modems necessary to connect to the criminal  
7 justice telecommunications system. Revenue received from federal  
8 agencies, state departments and agencies, counties and  
9 municipalities must be allocated for the purpose of funding the  
10 cost of providing the services.

11 **3. Guidelines.** The criminal justice telecommunications  
12 system must be installed, operated and maintained in accordance  
13 with the rules adopted by the National Law Enforcement  
14 Telecommunications System, the National Crime Information Center  
15 and the Chief of the State Police or the chief's designee. The  
16 character of the communications sent, the time, place and manner  
17 of sending messages and all matters connected with the system are  
18 under the control and management of the Chief of the State Police  
19 or the chief's designee.

20 **4. Radio communications and dispatch.** The Bureau of the  
21 State Police may provide, at the request of a municipality or  
22 county, radio communications and dispatch services to the  
23 municipality or county.

24 **5. Radio communications and dispatch revenue.** The Chief of  
25 the State Police may charge the various federal agencies, state  
26 departments and agencies, counties and municipalities for the  
27 radio communications and dispatch services. Revenue received  
28 from federal agencies, state departments and agencies, counties  
29 and municipalities must be allocated for the purpose of funding  
30 the cost of providing the services.'

31 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
32 summary the following:

33 **FISCAL NOTE**

34 Authorizing the State Police within the Department of Public  
35 Safety to charge municipalities and counties for providing  
36 certain requested services will result in increased Other Special  
37 Revenue funds expenditures and increased dedicated revenues. The  
38 amounts will depend on the services provided by the State Police  
39 and can not be determined at this time.'

40 **SUMMARY**

41 The amendment replaces the bill. The amendment adds  
42 provisions dealing with radio communications and dispatch  
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2 services to the current statutes dealing with law enforcement  
telecommunications systems. Specifically, the amendment allows  
4 the State Police, at the request of a federal agency, state  
department and agency, municipality or county to provide radio  
6 communications and dispatch services. Revenue received for  
providing these services, as well as telecommunications services,  
8 must be allocated for the purpose of funding the cost of  
providing the services. The amendment clarifies that current law  
enforcement telecommunications systems are criminal justice  
10 telecommunications systems. The amendment also makes technical  
changes and adds a fiscal note.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**