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House of Representatives, February 15, 2001

**An Act to Designate the Town of Topsham Communications Center as a
Public Safety Answering Point.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative LESSARD of Topsham.
Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and
Representatives: GERZOFKY of Brunswick, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, LANDRY of
Patten, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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,** the Commissioner of Public Safety through the
Emergency Services Communications Bureau is currently in the
final stages of implementing an enhanced 9-1-1 emergency services
communication system throughout the State; and

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10 **Whereas,** the Emergency Services Communications Bureau
already has designated communications centers in several
communities across the State as public safety answering points,
or PSAPs; and

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16 **Whereas,** the Emergency Services Communications Bureau is
currently scheduled to activate the enhanced 9-1-1 system in
Sagadahoc County by April 1, 2001; and

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20 **Whereas,** the Topsham Communications Center in the Town of
Topsham has not been designated a PSAP and is not likely to be
designated a PSAP by the Emergency Services Communications Bureau
in the future; and

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24 **Whereas,** the Topsham Communications Center, in the judgment
of local municipal and emergency services officials, should be
designated as a PSAP; and

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28 **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,

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

36 **Sec. 1. Topsham Communications Center designated public safety**
answering point. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes,
38 Title 25, section 2926, subsection 2 or of any policy or rule
adopted by the Department of Public Safety, the Topsham
40 Communications Center in the Town of Topsham is designated a
public safety answering point as defined in Title 25, section
42 2921, subsection 7, for the purposes of providing enhanced 9-1-1
service to certain communities in Sagadahoc County.

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

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SUMMARY

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4 This bill, which is emergency legislation, designates the
6 Topsham Communications Center in the Town of Topsham as a public
 safety answering point for the purposes of providing enhanced
 9-1-1 service to certain communities within Sagadahoc County.