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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1098, L.D. 1467, Bill, "An Act to Facilitate the Implementation of the Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency System"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 2nd indented paragraph after the title (page 1, line 26 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §959, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 488, §2, is amended to read:

D. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

(1) Department of Public Safety, except for the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement and the Emergency Services Communication Bureau, in 2001; and

(2) Department of Corrections in 2003.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §959, sub-§1, ¶P, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 488, §2, is amended to read:

P. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

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- 2 (1) Public Advocate in 1997;
- 4 (2) Board of Directors, Maine Municipal and Rural
6 Electrification Cooperative Agency in 1999; and
- 8 (3) Public Utilities Commission in 1999; and
- 10 (4) The Emergency Services Communication Bureau within
the Department of Public Safety in 2001. ' '

12 Further amend the amendment on page 2 by striking out all of
14 the first paragraph (page 2, lines 2 to 4 in amendment) and
inserting in its place the following:

16 'Further amend the bill in section 5 by striking out all of
18 subsection 1-B and inserting in its place the following:

20 '1-B. **Statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge.** The activities
22 authorized under this chapter are funded through a special
24 statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge levied on each residential and
26 business telephone exchange line, including private branch
28 exchange lines and Centrex lines, cellular or wireless
30 telecommunications service subscribers and semipublic coin and
32 public access lines. The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge may not be
34 imposed on more than 25 lines or numbers per customer billing
account. The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is ~~32¢~~ 50¢ per month
per line or number until 90 days after adjournment of the First
Regular Session of the 121st Legislature, after which time the
statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is 32¢ per month per line or number.
The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge must be billed on a monthly basis
by each local exchange telephone utility or cellular or wireless
telecommunications service provider and be shown separately as a
statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge on the customer's bill.' '

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FISCAL NOTE

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40 Repealing the E-9-1-1 surcharge increase will reduce the
42 dedicated funds that are collected by the Emergency Services
44 Communication Bureau within the Department of Public Safety by
46 approximately \$1,744,740 for fiscal year 2003-04 and by
48 \$2,326,320 for each year thereafter. Present contractual
obligations require that these amounts be paid to private service
providers thereby creating deficits of these same amounts. As a
result, either the program will have to significantly curtail
expenditures, the E-9-1-1 surcharge will have to be increased or
another funding source will need to be used.

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SUMMARY

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4 This amendment provides that the 50¢ surcharge reverts to
6 32¢ 90 days after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the
8 121st Legislature. This amendment also reallocates review under
10 the State Government Evaluation Act of the Emergency Services
Communications Bureau within the Department of Public Safety from
the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
jurisdiction over criminal justice matters to that having
jurisdiction over utilities matters.

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