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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE 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 on page 2 by striking out all of the 1st paragraph (page 2, lines 2 to 4 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

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

'1-B. **Statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge.** The activities authorized under this chapter are funded through a special statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge levied on each residential and business telephone exchange line, including private branch exchange lines and Centrex lines, cellular or wireless telecommunications service subscribers and semipublic coin and public access lines. The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge may not be 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 June 30, 2002. On and after July 1, 2002, 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.'

FISCAL NOTE

2002-03

REVENUES

Other Funds (\$2,326,320)

SENATE AMENDMENT


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L.D. 1467

2 Repealing the E-9-1-1 surcharge increase will reduce the
 4 dedicated funds that are collected by the Emergency Services
 6 Communication Bureau within the Department of Public Safety by
 8 \$2,326,320 beginning in fiscal year 2002-03. Present contractual
 10 obligations require that this amount be paid to private service
 12 providers thereby creating an annual deficit of this same amount
 14 beginning in fiscal year 2002-03. As a result, either the
 16 program will have to significantly curtail expenditures, the
 18 E-9-1-1 surcharge will have to be increased or another funding
 20 source will need to be used.

SUMMARY

16 This amendment provides that the 50¢ surcharge reverts back
 18 to 32¢ on June 30, 2002 unless affirmative action is taken by the
 20 Legislature to change the law.

22 SPONSORED BY: 
 (Senator SHOREY)

24 COUNTY: Washington

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SENATE AMENDMENT