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An Act To Provide Parity in Funding for Enhanced 9-1-1 Services

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BLISS of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Lincoln and
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BERRY of Belmont, GOODWIN of Pembroke.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 651,
§2, is further amended to read:

6 **3. Expenditure of funds.** The bureau may use the revenues
in the E-9-1-1 fund to fund staff and to defray costs associated
8 with the implementation, operation and management of E-9-1-1.
The bureau, to the extent it determines sufficient funds are
10 available in the E-9-1-1 fund, shall use revenues in the E-9-1-1
fund to reimburse local exchange carriers and cellular and
12 wireless telecommunications service providers for eligible
expenses incurred by the carriers and service providers. For
14 purposes of this subsection, the term "eligible expenses" means
expenses:

16 A. Incurred in preparing, correcting, verifying or updating
18 subscriber information for use in databases necessary to
implement the E-9-1-1 system; and

20 B. Determined by the Public Utilities Commission to meet the
22 requirements of paragraph A and to be reasonable expenses
for the services provided; and

24 C. Approved by the bureau to be properly incurred by
26 cellular and wireless telecommunications service providers
for the implementation of E-9-1-1 technologies and
28 procedures.

30 The Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the bureau,
shall establish procedures for reviewing and approving expenses
32 pursuant to paragraph B.

34 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill provides that landline and cellular and wireless
38 telecommunications service providers share ratably in the costs
of implementing E-9-1-1 service in the State. Currently,
40 cellular and wireless customers contribute to the E-9-1-1 fund,
but only landline telephone service providers are entitled to
42 reimbursement for implementation costs.