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An Act To Facilitate the Implementation, Maintenance and Operation of the E-9-1-1 Emergency System

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
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 STRIMLING of Cumberland and
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BERRY of Belmont.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2926, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 439,
Pt. EEEE, §5, is amended to read:

6 **5. Call answering coverage.** The bureau is not required to
provide for or use surcharge funding for local 911 call answering
8 coverage in counties or municipalities ~~that--choose--not--to~~
~~participate-in-the-E-9-1-1-system.~~

10 **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§1-B**, as amended by PL 2001, c.
12 584, §1 and affected by §10, is further amended to read:

14 **1-B. Statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge.** The activities
authorized under this chapter are funded through a special
16 statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge levied on each residential and
business telephone exchange line, including private branch
18 exchange lines and Centrex lines, cellular or wireless
telecommunications service subscribers and semipublic coin and
20 public access lines. The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge may not be
imposed on more than 25 lines or numbers per customer billing
22 account. In the case of cellular or wireless telecommunications
service subscribers, the place of residence of those subscribers
24 must be determined according to the sourcing rules for mobile
telecommunications services set forth in Title 36, section 1816.
26 The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is 50¢ ~~66¢~~ 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~~
28 ~~E-9-1-1--surcharge--is--32¢--per--month--per--line--or--number.~~ The
30 statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge must be billed on a monthly basis by
each local exchange telephone utility or cellular or wireless
32 telecommunications service provider and be shown separately as a
statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge on the customer's bill.

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36 **SUMMARY**

38 This bill removes the sunset provision that reduces the
surcharge for Enhanced 9-1-1 service from 50¢ to 32¢, it
40 increases the surcharge from 50¢ to 66¢ and makes it clear that a
county or municipality may not withdraw from the statewide
42 E-9-1-1 system.