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**An Act To Place the Emergency Services Communication Bureau
within the Department of Public Safety**

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, Representatives:
BLANCHETTE of Bangor, GERZOFKY of Brunswick.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 2003, c.
4 359, §1, is further amended to read:

6 **2-A. Bureau.** "Bureau" means the Emergency Services
8 Communication Bureau within the Public--Utilities--Commission
10 department, which is responsible for the statewide implementation
12 and management of E-9-1-1.

14 **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2926, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 359,
16 §2, is further amended to read:

18 **1. Bureau established.** The Emergency Services
20 Communication Bureau is established within the Public-Utilities
22 Commission department to implement and manage E-9-1-1.

24 **Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §103, sub-§2, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2003, c.
26 359, §5, is repealed.

28 **Sec. 4. Transition.**

30 1. The provisions of this Act that move the Emergency
32 Services Communication Bureau from within the Public Utilities
34 Commission to within the Department of Public Safety are intended
36 to change the oversight and management of the bureau but are not
38 intended to affect and may not be interpreted as affecting in any
40 manner the purposes, powers, duties or functions or any
42 contracts, agreements, obligations or other legal arrangements of
44 the bureau, and all existing contracts, agreements, obligations
46 or other legal arrangements of the bureau currently in effect
48 continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended.

50 2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in
effect, in operation or adopted in or by the Emergency Services
Communication Bureau remain in effect until rescinded, revised or
amended.

 3. All positions authorized and allocated to the Emergency
Services Communication Bureau within the Public Utilities
Commission are authorized and allocated to the Emergency Services
Communication Bureau within the Department of Public Safety.

 4. All buildings, real property, equipment, records or
other property belonging to or allocated for the use of the
Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Public
Utilities Commission are the property of and allocated to the
Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Department of
Public Safety.

5. All existing forms, letterheads or other supplies of the
Emergency Services Communication Bureau may continue to be used
by the bureau.

SUMMARY

This bill moves the Emergency Services Communication Bureau
from within the Public Utilities Commission to within the
Department of Public Safety.