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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1296, L.D. 1761, Bill, "An Act To Improve and Ensure Adequate Funding for E-9-1-1 Services"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 4 and 5 and inserting the following:

Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§1-E, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 617, §8 and affected by §13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is as follows:

- (1) For the period from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012, 45¢;
(2) For the period from July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013, 65¢; and
(3) Beginning January 1, 2014, 40¢.

The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is charged per month per line or number and may not be imposed on more than 25 lines or numbers per customer billing account.

Sec. 5. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§1-F, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 617, §9 and affected by §13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. The prepaid wireless E-9-1-1 surcharge is as follows:

- (1) For the period from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012, 45¢;
(2) For the period from July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013, 65¢; and
(3) Beginning January 1, 2014, 40¢.

The prepaid wireless E-9-1-1 surcharge is charged per retail transaction.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following:

Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994

Initiative: Allocates an increase in the E-9-1-1 surcharge from \$0.45 per line or number or for prepaid wireless per transaction to \$0.65 effective July 1, 2012. The surcharge is reduced to \$0.40 per month per line or number or per wireless transaction effective January 1, 2014.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2011-12	2012-13
All Other	\$0	\$3,785,230
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,785,230</u>

SUMMARY

This amendment increases the E-9-1-1 monthly surcharge, which is currently 45¢, to 65¢ for 18 months and then decreases the surcharge to 40¢ indefinitely. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 1761

LR 2582(02)

An Act To Improve and Ensure Adequate Funding for E-9-1-1 Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-826)

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$3,785,230	\$1,419,461	(\$946,308)
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$3,785,230	\$1,419,461	(\$946,308)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill increases the E-9-1-1 surcharge from the current level of \$.45 per line or number or for prepaid wireless per transaction to \$.65 effective July 1, 2012. It then reduces the E-9-1-1 surcharge to \$.40 per line or number or for prepaid wireless per transaction effective January 1, 2014. The change in surcharge will increase Other Special Revenue Funds revenue by \$3,785,230 in FY 2012-13 and \$1,419,461 in FY 2013-14 and decrease Other Special Revenue Funds revenue by \$946,308 in FY 2014-15. The bill includes an allocation of \$3,785,230 to the Emergency Services Communications Bureau in the Public Utilities Commission for the E-9-1-1 program. Additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission associated with this surcharge and other administrative duties can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.