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House of Representatives, January 22, 2013

An Act To Reduce the Number of Public Safety Answering Points

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHASE of Wells, LIBBY of Waterboro, MALABY of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2926, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 420, Pt. A, §28,
3 is further amended to read:

4 **2-A. Total number.** ~~To the extent possible, the~~ The bureau shall establish a total of
5 ~~between 16 and 24~~ 2 public safety answering points. ~~The bureau shall seek to coordinate~~
6 ~~any reduction in the number of public safety answering points to achieve this goal with~~
7 ~~any contractual obligations it may have or may enter into that are or could be affected by~~
8 ~~that reduction. Prior to implementing a reduction in the number of public safety~~
9 ~~answering points, the bureau shall make a finding regarding the need for the reduction~~
10 ~~based on an evaluation of the costs and benefits of the reduction, taking into account~~
11 ~~impacts on ratepayers, each of the affected municipalities and the State.~~

12 **Sec. 2. Coordination of reduction.** The Public Utilities Commission,
13 Emergency Services Communication Bureau shall seek to coordinate the reduction in the
14 number of public safety answering points required pursuant to this Act with any
15 contractual obligations the bureau may have or may enter into that are or could be
16 affected by the reduction in public safety answering points required under this Act.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 Current law requires the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services
19 Communication Bureau to establish a total of between 16 and 24 public safety answering
20 points. This bill reduces to 2 the total number of public safety answering points.