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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

128TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 615, L.D. 1671, Bill, "An Act To Authorize the Public Utilities Commission To Determine the Amount of the E-9-1-1 Surcharge"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Reduce the Amount of the E-9-1-1 Surcharge and To Create a Grant Program To Assist with Dispatch Center Consolidation'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§1-E, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 617, §8 and affected by §13, is further amended to read:

A. The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is 37¢ 45¢ per month per line or number. Beginning July 1, 2010 October 1, 2018, the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is 45¢ 40¢ per month per line or number. The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge may not be imposed on more than 25 lines or numbers per customer billing account.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§1-F, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 617, §9 and affected by §13, is further amended to read:

A. The prepaid wireless E-9-1-1 surcharge is 37¢ 45¢ per retail transaction. Beginning July 1, 2010 October 1, 2018, the prepaid wireless E-9-1-1 surcharge is 45¢ 40¢ per retail transaction.

Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§3-D is enacted to read:

3-D. Grants for dispatch consolidation. To support the consolidation of dispatch centers into existing public safety answering points, the bureau shall use up to \$1,000,000 from the funds collected from the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge under subsection 1-E and the statewide prepaid wireless telecommunications service E-9-1-1 surcharge under subsection 1-F to provide grants to dispatch centers for nonrecurring costs associated with the consolidation of the dispatch centers into public safety answering points. The bureau shall adopt rules establishing the application process for the distribution of grants and

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1 establishing the allowable uses of grants pursuant to this subsection. Rules adopted
2 pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
3 subchapter 2-A.

4 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
5 allocations are made.

6 **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

7 **Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994**

8 Initiative: Provides an allocation for grants to encourage the consolidation of dispatch
9 centers into existing public safety answering points.

10	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
11	All Other	\$0	\$1,000,000
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13	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$1,000,000
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15 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment is the minority report of the committee and replaces the bill. It
17 reduces, starting October 1, 2018, the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge and the statewide
18 prepaid wireless telecommunications service E-9-1-1 surcharge to 40¢. It also requires
19 the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau to use up
20 to \$1,000,000 from the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge and the statewide prepaid wireless
21 telecommunications service E-9-1-1 surcharge to provide grants to support the
22 consolidation of dispatch centers into existing public safety answering points. It requires
23 the Emergency Services Communication Bureau to adopt routine technical rules to
24 establish the application process and allowable uses for grants.

25 This amendment also adds an allocation of \$1,000,000 for the grants.

26 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

27 (See attached)



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1671

LR 2631(02)

An Act To Authorize the Public Utilities Commission To Determine the Amount of the E-9-1-1 Surcharge

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-436)
 Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$722,213)	(\$722,213)	(\$722,213)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill will reduce the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge and the prepaid wireless E-9-1-1 surcharge from 45¢ per line to 40¢ per line. This change would result in a reduction of \$722,213 in Other Special Revenue Funds revenue for the Public Utilities Commission, starting in fiscal year 2018-19. The bill also includes a one-time allocation of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 for grants to encourage the consolidation of dispatch centers.