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(Filing No. S-126)

MINORITY

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

130TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 399, L.D. 1291, "An Act To Reduce Fire Response Time by Eliminating Standardized Dispatch Protocols for Fire 9-1-1 Calls"

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2926, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 566, §9, is amended by enacting a new first blocked paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the bureau may not adopt rules requiring the adoption and implementation by public safety answering points of standardized dispatch protocols for answering fire 9-1-1 calls.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§3-C, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 230, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994

Initiative: Reduces allocations for contractual services for standardized dispatch protocols for fire 9-1-1 calls

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 399, L.D. 1291 (S-126)

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SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill and, like the bill, eliminates the funding requirement for standardized dispatch protocols for fire 9-1-1 calls. It also amends the rulemaking authority of the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau to prohibit the adoption of rules by the bureau requiring the adoption and implementation by public safety answering points of such standardized dispatch protocols for answering fire 9-1-1 calls.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1291

LR 1185(02)

An Act To Reduce Fire Response Time by Eliminating Standardized Dispatch Protocols for Fire 9-1-1 Calls

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "*#(5-126)*"

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill eliminates the funding requirement for standardized dispatch protocols for fire 9-1-1 calls. It also prohibits the Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) from adopting rules requiring the adoption and implementation by public safety answering points of standardized dispatch protocols for answering fire 9-1-1 calls. The elimination of standardized dispatch protocols will reduce contractual obligations. The bill includes ongoing deallocations of \$100,000 starting in fiscal year 2021-22 that will no longer be needed.