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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **911 Emergency Telephone System - Local Charges - Notification and Billing**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a county that imposes a certain charge for deposit to the
4 911 Trust Fund account to certify the amount of the additional charge to the
5 Emergency Number Systems Board; requiring the Board to take certain action with
6 regard to certain carriers; altering the time period within which certain carriers are
7 required to add a certain amount to certain bills; and generally relating to charges
8 for deposit to certain 911 Trust Fund accounts and certain bills rendered for certain
9 service.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
12 Section 18-105(c)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments**

18 18-105.

19 (c) (1) In addition to the 911 fee imposed by subsection (b) of this section, the
20 governing body of each county may by ordinance or resolution after public hearing enact
21 or adopt an additional charge not to exceed 50 cents per month to be applied to all
22 current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service, wireless telephone
23 service, or other 911-accessible service within that county. The amount of the additional
24 charge may not exceed a level necessary to cover the total amount of eligible operation
25 and maintenance costs of the county.

26 (2) The additional charge shall continue in effect until repealed or modified
27 by a subsequent ordinance or resolution.

28 (3) [(i)] Upon adopting, repealing, or modifying an additional charge, the
29 county shall certify the amount of the additional charge to:

1 (I) [the] THE Public Service Commission which on 60 days' notice
2 shall direct the telephone companies to add the full amount of the additional charge to all
3 current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service in each county which
4 imposed that additional charge[.]; AND

5 (ii) [Within 60 days of the enactment of a county ordinance or
6 resolution that adopts, repeals, or modifies an additional charge, all 911 service carriers
7 providing service within that county shall add the full amount of the additional charge to
8 all current bills rendered for wireless telephone service or other 911-accessible service in
9 each county that imposed that additional charge] THE BOARD, WHICH SHALL DIRECT
10 ALL 911 SERVICE CARRIERS PROVIDING SERVICE WITHIN THAT COUNTY TO ADD,
11 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE RECEIPT
12 OF CERTIFICATION BY THE BOARD, THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE ADDITIONAL
13 CHARGE TO ALL CURRENT BILLS RENDERED FOR WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE
14 OR OTHER 911-ACCESSIBLE SERVICE IN THE COUNTY.

15 (4) The telephone companies and 911 service carriers shall act as collection
16 agents for the 911 Trust Fund with respect to the additional charges imposed by each
17 county. Revenues from the additional charge shall be collected by the telephone
18 companies and 911 service carriers on a county basis and remitted monthly to the
19 Comptroller for deposit to the 911 Trust Fund account maintained for the county which
20 imposed the additional charge.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 1996.