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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cellular Telephone and Personal Communications Companies - 911 System Liability**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that cellular telephone companies and personal  
4 communication companies that pay or collect 911 fees shall have the same immunity  
5 from liability for transmission failures as that approved by the Public Service  
6 Commission for local exchange telephone companies.

7 BY adding to

8 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

9 Section 18-106(c)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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

15 18-106.

16 (C) A CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY OR PERSONAL COMMUNICATION  
17 COMPANY THAT PAYS OR COLLECTS 911 FEES UNDER § 18-105 OF THIS SUBTITLE  
18 SHALL HAVE THE SAME IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR TRANSMISSION FAILURES  
19 AS THAT APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR LOCAL EXCHANGE  
20 TELEPHONE COMPANIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE REGULATION OF THE  
21 COMMISSION UNDER ARTICLE 78 OF THE CODE.

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

23 October 1, 1996.

