
By: **Delegate R. Baker (By Request)**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **911 Service - County Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum monthly fee that a county may charge for
4 switched local exchange service, wireless telephone service, and other
5 911-accessible services to cover certain costs related to 911 service in the county.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
8 Section 18-105(c)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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

14 18-105.

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

22 (2) The additional charge shall continue in effect until repealed or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

24 (3) (i) Upon adopting, repealing, or modifying an additional charge,
25 the county shall certify the amount of the additional charge to the Public Service
26 Commission which on 60 days' notice shall direct the telephone companies to add the
27 full amount of the additional charge to all current bills rendered for switched local
28 exchange access service in each county which imposed that additional charge.

1 (ii) Within 60 days of the enactment of a county ordinance or
2 resolution that adopts, repeals, or modifies an additional charge, all 911 service
3 carriers providing service within that county shall add the full amount of the
4 additional charge to all current bills rendered for wireless telephone service or other
5 911-accessible service in each county that imposed that additional charge.

6 (4) The telephone companies and 911 service carriers shall act as
7 collection agents for the 911 Trust Fund with respect to the additional charges
8 imposed by each county. Revenues from the additional charge shall be collected by the
9 telephone companies and 911 service carriers on a county basis and remitted monthly
10 to the Comptroller for deposit to the 911 Trust Fund account maintained for the
11 county which imposed the additional charge.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 July 1, 2000.