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Introduced by Senator Patterson

# **ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 815**

AN ACT to amend 1986 PA 32, entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of emergency 9-1-1 districts; to provide for the installation, operation, modification, and maintenance of universal emergency 9-1-1 service systems; to provide for the imposition and collection of certain charges; to provide the powers and duties of certain state agencies, local units of government, public officers, service suppliers, and others; to create an emergency 9-1-1 service committee; to provide remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 401 and 408 (MCL 484.1401 and 484.1408), section 401 as amended by 2007 PA 164 and section 408 as amended by 2007 PA 165.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 401. (1) An emergency 9-1-1 district board, a 9-1-1 service district as defined in section 102 and created under section 201b, or a county on behalf of a 9-1-1 service area created by the county may enter into an agreement with a public agency that does either of the following:

(a) Grants a specific pledge or assignment of a lien on or a security interest in any money received by a 9-1-1 service district for the benefit of qualified obligations.

(b) Provides for payment directly to the public entity issuing qualified obligations of a portion of the county 9-1-1 charge or state 9-1-1 charge sufficient to pay when due principal of and interest on qualified obligations.

(2) A pledge, assignment, lien, or security interest for the benefit of qualified obligations is valid and binding from the time the qualified obligations are issued without a physical delivery or further act. A pledge, assignment, lien, or security interest is valid and binding and has priority over any other claim against the emergency 9-1-1 district board, the 9-1-1 service district, or any other person with or without notice of the pledge, assignment, lien, or security interest.

(3) Except as provided in sections 407 to 412, each service supplier within a 9-1-1 service district shall provide a billing and collection service for an emergency telephone technical charge and emergency telephone operational charge from all service users of the service supplier within the geographical boundaries of the emergency telephone or 9-1-1 service district. The billing and collection of the emergency telephone operational charge and that portion of the technical charge used for billing cost shall begin as soon as feasible after the final 9-1-1 service plan has been approved. The billing and collection of the emergency telephone technical charge not already collected for billing costs shall begin as soon as feasible after installation and operation of the 9-1-1 system. The emergency telephone technical charge and emergency telephone operational charge shall be uniform per each exchange access facility within the 9-1-1 service

district. The portion of the emergency telephone technical charge that represents start-up costs, nonrecurring billing, installation, service, and equipment charges of the service supplier, including the costs of updating equipment necessary for conversion to 9-1-1 service, shall be amortized at the prime rate plus 1% over a period not to exceed 10 years and shall be billed and collected from all service users only until those amounts are fully recouped by the service supplier. The prime rate to be used for amortization shall be set before the first assessment of nonrecurring charges and remain at that rate for 5 years, at which time a new rate may be set for the remaining amortization period. Recurring costs and charges included in the emergency telephone technical charge and emergency telephone operational charge shall continue to be billed to the service user.

(4) Except as provided in sections 407 to 412 and subject to the limitation provided by this section, the amount of the emergency telephone technical charge and emergency telephone operational charge to be billed to the service user shall be computed by dividing the total emergency telephone technical charge and emergency telephone operational charge by the number of exchange access facilities within the 9-1-1 service district.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (7) and sections 407 to 412, the amount of emergency telephone technical charge payable monthly by a service user for recurring costs and charges shall not exceed 2% of the lesser of \$20.00 or the highest monthly rate charged by the service supplier for primary basic local exchange service under section 304 of the Michigan telecommunications act, 1991 PA 179, MCL 484.2304, within the 9-1-1 service district. The amount of emergency telephone technical charge payable monthly by a service user for nonrecurring costs and charges shall not exceed 5% of the lesser of \$20.00 or the highest monthly rate charged by the service supplier for primary basic local exchange service under section 304 of the Michigan telecommunications act, 1991 PA 179, MCL 484.2304, within the 9-1-1 service district. With the approval of the county board of commissioners, a county may assess an amount for recurring emergency telephone operational costs and charges that shall not exceed 4% of the lesser of \$20.00 or the highest monthly rate charged by the service supplier for primary basic local exchange service under section 304 of the Michigan telecommunications act, 1991 PA 179, MCL 484.2304, within the geographical boundaries of the assessing county. The percentage to be set for the emergency telephone operational charge shall be established by the county board of commissioners under section 312. A change to the percentage set for the emergency telephone operational charge may be made only by the county board of commissioners. The difference, if any, between the amount of the emergency telephone technical charge computed under subsection (4) and the maximum permitted under this section shall be paid by the county from funds available to the county or through cooperative arrangements with public agencies within the 9-1-1 service district.

(6) Except as provided in sections 407 to 412, the emergency telephone technical charge and emergency telephone operational charge shall be collected in accordance with the regular billings of the service supplier. The amount collected for emergency telephone operational charge shall be paid by the service supplier to the county that authorized the collection. The emergency telephone technical charge and emergency telephone operational charge payable by service users pursuant to this act shall be added to and shall be stated separately in the billings to service users.

(7) Except as provided in sections 407 to 412, for a 9-1-1 service district created or enhanced after June 27, 1991, the amount of emergency telephone technical charge payable monthly by a service user for recurring costs and charges shall not exceed 4% of the lesser of \$20.00 or the highest monthly rate charged by the service supplier for primary basic local exchange service under section 304 of the Michigan telecommunications act, 1991 PA 179, MCL 484.2304, within the 9-1-1 service district.

(8) Except as provided in sections 407 to 412, a county may, with the approval of the voters in the county, assess up to 16% of the lesser of \$20.00 or the highest monthly rate charged by the service supplier for primary basic local exchange service under section 304 of the Michigan telecommunications act, 1991 PA 179, MCL 484.2304, within the geographical boundaries of the assessing county or assess a millage or combination of the 2 to cover emergency telephone operational costs. In a ballot question under this subsection, the board of commissioners shall specifically identify how the collected money is to be distributed. An affirmative vote on a ballot question under this subsection shall be considered an amendment to the 9-1-1 service plan pursuant to section 312. Not more than 1 ballot question under this subsection may be submitted to the voters within any 12-month period. An assessment approved under this subsection shall be for a period not greater than 5 years.

(9) The total emergency telephone operational charge as prescribed in subsections (5) and (8) shall not exceed 20% of the lesser of \$20.00 or the highest monthly flat rate charged for primary basic service by a service supplier for a 1-party access line.

(10) Except as provided in sections 407 to 412, if the voters approve the charge to be assessed on the service user's telephone bill on a ballot question under subsection (8), the service provider's bill shall state the following:

"This amount is for your 9-1-1 service which has been approved by the voters on (DATE OF VOTER APPROVAL). This is not a charge assessed by your telephone carrier. If you have questions concerning your 9-1-1 service, you may call (INCLUDE APPROPRIATE TELEPHONE NUMBER)."

(11) Except as provided in sections 407 to 412, an annual accounting shall be made of the emergency telephone operational charge approved under this act in the same manner as the annual accounting required by section 405.

(12) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (13), or as provided in sections 407 to 412, the emergency telephone operational charge collected under this section shall be distributed by the county or the counties to the primary PSAPs by 1 of the following methods:

(a) As provided in the final 9-1-1 service plan.

(b) If distribution is not provided for in the plan, then according to any agreement for distribution between the county and public agencies.

(c) If distribution is not provided in the plan or by agreement, then according to the distribution of access lines within the primary PSAPs.

(13) Except as provided in sections 407 to 412, if a county had multiple emergency telephone districts before March 2, 1994, then the emergency telephone operational charge collected under this section shall be distributed in proportion to the amount of access lines within the primary PSAPs.

(14) This act does not preclude the distribution of funding to secondary PSAPs if the distribution is determined by the primary PSAPs within the emergency 9-1-1 district to be the most effective method for dispatching of fire or emergency medical services and the distribution is approved within the final 9-1-1 service plan.

(15) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the emergency telephone technical charge collected under this section and the emergency telephone operational charge shall not be levied or collected after June 30, 2008. If all or a portion of the emergency telephone operational charge has been pledged as security for the payment of qualified obligations, the emergency telephone operational charge shall be levied and collected only to the extent required to pay the qualified obligations or satisfy the pledge.

(16) Subsections (3) through (13) do not apply after June 30, 2008.

Sec. 408. (1) Beginning January 1, 2008, a CMRS supplier or reseller shall, until July 1, 2008, for each CMRS connection that has a billing address in this state, continue to collect the service charge that the CMRS supplier or reseller was authorized to collect by this section prior to December 21, 2007. Except as otherwise provided under this act, starting July 1, 2008, a service supplier shall include a state 9-1-1 service charge per month as determined under section 401a. The service supplier shall list the state 9-1-1 service charge authorized under this act as a separate line item on each bill. The service charge shall be listed on the bill as the "state 9-1-1 charge".

(2) Each service supplier may retain 2% of the state 9-1-1 charge collected under this act to cover the supplier's costs for billing and collection.

(3) Except as otherwise provided under subsection (2), the money collected as the state 9-1-1 charge under subsection (1) shall be deposited in the emergency 9-1-1 fund created in section 407 no later than 30 days after the end of the quarter in which the state 9-1-1 charge was collected.

(4) Except as otherwise provided under section 401a(5), all money collected and deposited in the emergency 9-1-1 fund created in section 407 shall be distributed as follows:

(a) 82.5% shall be disbursed to each county that has a final 9-1-1 plan in place. Forty percent of the 82.5% shall be distributed quarterly on an equal basis to each county, and 60% of the 82.5% shall be distributed quarterly based on a population per capita basis. Money received by a county under this subdivision shall only be used for 9-1-1 services as allowed under this act. Money expended under this subdivision for a purpose considered unnecessary or unreasonable by the committee or the auditor general shall be repaid to the fund.

(b) 7.75% shall be available to reimburse local exchange providers for the costs related to wireless emergency service. Any cost reimbursement allowed under this subdivision shall not include a cost that is not related to wireless emergency service. A local exchange provider may submit an invoice to the commission for reimbursement from the emergency 9-1-1 fund for allowed costs. Within 45 days after the date an invoice is submitted to the commission, the commission shall approve, either in whole or in part, or deny the invoice.

(c) 6.0% shall be available to PSAPs for training personnel assigned to 9-1-1 centers. A written request for money from the fund shall be made by a public safety agency or county to the committee. The committee shall semiannually authorize distribution of money from the fund to eligible public safety agencies or counties. A public safety agency or county that receives money under this subdivision shall create, maintain, and make available to the committee upon request a detailed record of expenditures relating to the preparation, administration, and carrying out of activities of its 9-1-1 training program. Money expended by an eligible public safety agency or county for a purpose considered unnecessary or unreasonable by the committee or the auditor general shall be repaid to the fund. The commission shall consult with and consider the recommendations of the committee in the promulgation of rules under section 413 establishing training standards for 9-1-1 system personnel. Money shall be disbursed on a biannual basis to an eligible public safety agency or county for training of PSAP personnel through courses certified by the committee only for either of the following purposes:

(i) To provide basic 9-1-1 operations training.

(ii) To provide in-service training to employees engaged in 9-1-1 service.

(d) 1.88% credited to the department of state police to operate a regional dispatch center that receives and dispatches 9-1-1 calls, and 1.87% credited to the department of state police for costs to administer this act and to maintain the office of the state 9-1-1 coordinator.

(5) For fiscal year 2007-2008 only, an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 to the department of state police to study the feasibility of an IP-based 9-1-1 system in this state.

(6) Money received by a county under subsection (4)(a) shall be distributed by the county to the primary PSAPs geographically located within the 9-1-1 service district by 1 of the following methods:

(a) As provided in the final 9-1-1 service plan.

(b) If distribution is not provided for in the 9-1-1 service plan under subdivision (a), then according to any agreement for distribution between a county and a public agency.

(c) If distribution is not provided for in the 9-1-1 service plan under subdivision (a) or by agreement between the county and public agency under subdivision (b), then according to the population within the geographic area for which the PSAP serves as primary PSAP.

(d) If a county has multiple emergency 9-1-1 districts, money for that county shall be distributed as provided in the emergency 9-1-1 districts' final 9-1-1 service plans.

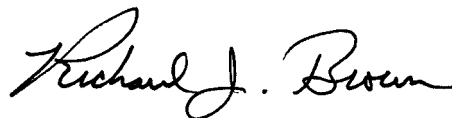
(7) The commission shall consult with and consider recommendations of the committee in the promulgation of rules under section 413 establishing the standards for the receipt and expenditures of 9-1-1 funds under this act. Receipt of 9-1-1 funds under this act is dependent on compliance with the standards established under this subsection.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act is retroactive and is effective January 1, 2008.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved .....

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Governor