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

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: WADSWORTH of Hiram.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§3-C**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 230, §1, is amended
3 to read:

4 **3-C. ~~Payment for standardized~~ Standardized dispatch protocols for fire 9-1-1**
5 **calls.** ~~To assist public safety answering points in the adoption and implementation of~~
6 ~~standardized dispatch protocols for answering fire 9-1-1 calls, the bureau shall use up to 5¢~~
7 ~~of each surcharge collected under subsections 1-E and 1-F to provide public safety~~
8 ~~answering points dispatcher training consistent with the protocols, necessary software and~~
9 ~~printed support materials. The bureau shall provide quality assurance training and software~~
10 ~~to assist public safety answering points in ensuring compliance with the protocols.:~~

11 A. ~~The bureau shall adopt rules related to the adoption, implementation and~~
12 ~~administration of~~ Eliminate standardized dispatch protocols for answering fire 9-1-1
13 calls. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined
14 in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill eliminates the funding requirement for standardized dispatch protocols for fire
17 9-1-1 calls and directs the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services
18 Communication Bureau to eliminate the protocols.