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Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 4 and 5 and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§1-E, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 617, §8 and affected by §13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is as follows:

(1) For the period from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012, 45¢;

(2) For the period from July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013, 65¢; and

(3) Beginning January 1, 2014, 40¢.

The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is charged per month per line or number and may not be imposed on more than 25 lines or numbers per customer billing account.

‘**Sec. 5. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§1-F, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 617, §9 and affected by §13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. The prepaid wireless E-9-1-1 surcharge is as follows:

(1) For the period from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012, 45¢;

(2) For the period from July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013, 65¢; and

(3) Beginning January 1, 2014, 40¢.

The prepaid wireless E-9-1-1 surcharge is charged per retail transaction.’

Amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following:

‘**Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994

Initiative: Allocates an increase in the E-9-1-1 surcharge from \$0.45 per line or number or for prepaid wireless per transaction to \$0.65 effective July 1, 2012. The surcharge is reduced to \$0.40 per month per line or number or per wireless transaction effective January 1, 2014.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2011-12	2012-13
All Other	\$0	\$3,785,230
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$3,785,230

SUMMARY

This amendment increases the E-9-1-1 monthly surcharge, which is currently 45¢, to 65¢ for 18 months and then decreases the surcharge to 40¢ indefinitely. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)