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House of Representatives, May 7, 2019

**An Act To Authorize the Public Utilities Commission To Determine
the Amount of the E-9-1-1 Surcharge**

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered
printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.
Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§1-E, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 617, §8 and
3 affected by §13, is further amended to read:

4 A. The Public Utilities Commission shall establish the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is
5 ~~37¢ per month per line or number. Beginning July 1, 2010, except that the statewide~~
6 E-9-1-1 surcharge is may not exceed 45¢ per month per line or number. The
7 commission shall establish the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge by routine technical rules,
8 as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, or through other commission
9 proceedings. The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge may not be imposed on more than 25
10 lines or numbers per customer billing account.

11 **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§1-F, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 617, §9 and
12 affected by §13, is further amended to read:

13 A. The Public Utilities Commission shall establish the prepaid wireless E-9-1-1
14 surcharge is ~~37¢ per retail transaction. Beginning July 1, 2010, except that the~~
15 prepaid wireless E-9-1-1 surcharge is may not exceed 45¢ per retail transaction. The
16 commission shall establish the prepaid wireless E-9-1-1 surcharge by routine
17 technical rules, as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, or through other
18 commission proceedings.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish the statewide E-9-1-1
21 surcharge and the prepaid wireless E-9-1-1 surcharge but limits the surcharges to no more
22 than 45¢ per month per line or number for the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge and 45¢ per
23 retail transaction for the prepaid wireless E-9-1-1 surcharge, which are the same amounts
24 as in the current law. The bill requires the commission to establish the surcharges by
25 routine technical rules or through other commission proceedings.