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An Act To Use 10 Percent of E-9-1-1 Surcharges To Fund Public Safety Answering Point Staff and Projects

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

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

2   **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§3-E** is enacted to read:

3   **3-E. Grants; staff and capital equipment.** The bureau shall use 10% of the funds
4   collected from the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge under subsection 1-E and the statewide
5   prepaid wireless telecommunications service E-9-1-1 surcharge under subsection 1-F to
6   provide grants to public safety answering points operated by county governments or other
7   local units of government for:

8   A. Public safety answering point staff positions that are tasked with performing
9   mandatory quality assurance protocol reviews for emergency medical services and
10   emergency fire services; and

11   B. Public safety answering point capital equipment projects that meet the State's
12   emergency management interoperability requirements and improve a public safety
13   answering point's equipment replacement schedule.

14   The bureau shall adopt rules establishing the application process for the distribution of
15   grants and establishing the allowable uses of grants pursuant to this subsection. Rules
16   adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
17   chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

18   **SUMMARY**

19   This bill directs the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services
20   Communication Bureau to use 10% of the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharges to fund certain
21   staff positions and capital equipment projects of public safety answering points operated
22   by county governments or other local units of government.