

April 18, 2005

H 1261. WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE. AN ACT AMENDING THE LAWS REGULATING WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE. Amends the laws pertaining to the state Wireless 911 Board and the state Wireless Fund. Requires Board members to disclose interests in firms or corporations seeking to contract with the Board and makes members subject to the conflict of interest provisions in GS 14-234. Enacts new GS 62A-22.1 setting forth additional powers and duties for the Board. Reduces the wireless enhanced 911 service charge (a charge levied on users of commercial mobile radio services (CMRS)) from 80 cents per month to 70 cents per month. Requires CMRS providers to collect the charge from their subscribers. Reallocates a portion of the Wireless Fund that presently goes to CMRS providers to primary public safety answering points (PSAPs). Provides that to receive funds, a PSAP must comply with the wireless enhanced 911 service requirements established by the Federal Communications Comm'n. Requires counties and municipalities with more than one PSAP to submit written information to the Board identifying the PSAPs. Enacts new GS 62A-25.1 setting forth the procedures by which the Board may require a CMRS provider or PSAP that misuses funds from the Wireless Fund to reimburse the Fund. Creates staggered terms by providing that the terms of certain named members of the Wireless Board will expire on June 30, 2005, and the terms of the remaining members will expire on June 30, 2006.

Intro. by Underhill.

Ref. to Public Utilities

GS 62A

May 9, 2005

H 1261. WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE. Intro. 4/18/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Modifies proposed GS 62A-22(b2) to delete provision specifically authorizing the removal of a member of the Wireless 911 Board for using the member's position to influence an election or the political activity of any person. Makes technical changes.

August 10, 2005

H 1261. 911/WIRELESS SERVICE/WIRE EXPENSES & CHARGES. Intro. 4/18/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Changes title, *AN ACT AMENDING THE LAWS REGULATING WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE, TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES FROM THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FUND, TO CAP WIRE 911 SERVICE CHARGES, AND TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 62A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES*. Adds provision to GS 62A-23 for imposing service charges on prepaid wireless telephone service subscribers. Adds definitions to GS 62A-21. Amends GS 62A-8(b) to clarify that any expense not specifically authorized is not eligible for payment from the Emergency Telephone System Fund. Provides that the maximum 911 charge imposed by local governments may not exceed the amount charged on July 1, 2005. Directs the Joint Legislative Utility Review Committee to study specified issues relative to 911 charges and to report findings and recommendations to the 2006 Regular Session of the 2005 General Assembly and to the 2007 General Assembly.

August 11, 2005

H 1261. 911/WIRELESS SERVICE/WIRE EXPENSES & CHARGES. Intro. 4/18/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Provides that the maximum 911 charge imposed by a local government under GS 62A-4 may not exceed the greater of the amount charged by the local government on July 1, 2005, or the amount charged pursuant to a resolution adopted on or before August 15, 2005, and that becomes effective on or before December 15, 2005.

October 5, 2005

SL 2005-439 (H 1261). 911/WIRELESS SERVICE/WIRE EXPENSES AND CHARGES. AN ACT AMENDING THE LAWS REGULATING WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE, TO CLARIFY

THE AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES FROM THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FUND, TO CAP WIRE 911 SERVICE CHARGES, AND TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 62A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/18/05, 5/9/05, 8/10/05, and 8/11/05. Enacted September 27, 2005. Section 10 is effective July 1, 2005. The remainder is effective September 27, 2005.