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H 1561. WIRELESS 911 GRANT FUND. Filed 4/17/07. *ESTABLISHING THE MANNER IN WHICH COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE (CMRS) PROVIDERS AND RESELLERS MAY REFUSE REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE WIRELESS 911 FUND FOR COSTS INCURRED FOR COMPLYING WITH THE WIRELESS 911 REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE WIRELESS 911 BOARD TO ESTABLISH A FUND TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO CMRS PROVIDERS AND RESELLERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS TO IMPROVE THE WIRELESS 911 SYSTEM.*

Amends GS 62A-24 requiring commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers to submit an annual report to the Wireless 911 Board (board) concerning uncollected service charges. Also allows CMRS providers to deduct a 1% fee from service charges for expenses associated with the collection of the service charges (was, deduct a 1% administrative fee). Amends GS 62A-25 to allow CMRS providers or resellers to elect not to request reimbursement for the costs of complying with the wireless 911 requirements by providing the board with written notice. Provides for revoking the election not to request reimbursement. Requires a CMRS provider or reseller beginning service after June 30, 2007, to (1) provide written notice to the board no later than 60 days after their initial service provision date stating whether they will request reimbursement, and (2) collect and remit the wireless Enhanced 911 service charges. Allows the board to reallocate funds remitted under GS 62A-24 to the grant fund established by the bill if listed conditions are met. Enacts new GS 62A-25.2 directing the board to establish a grant fund within the wireless fund, upon the reallocation of funds, to make grants to CMRS providers or resellers and public safety answering points (PSAPs). Establishes factors to be met for the board to approve grant applications, and lists provisions that must be included in the grant agreement. Includes factors to be considered when awarding grants to PSAPs and provides for how grant funds may be used by CMRS providers or resellers and PSAPs. Requires the board to publish notices concerning the availability of the grants. Provides that any grant funds awarded are in addition to any reimbursed funds.

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