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Consolidates the state's Enhanced 911 system under a single board that will establish a uniform service charge to be collected by all voice communication service providers. (Formerly, the Wireless 911 Board administered a statewide wireless Enhanced 911 system and local governments administered wireline Enhanced 911 systems for their local jurisdictions.) Renames the Wireless 911 Board the "911 Emergency Locating Board" and expands its membership from 13 to 17. Establishes procedures for appointing board members. Authorizes the board to develop a comprehensive state plan for communicating Enhanced 911 call information across networks and among public safety answering points (PSAPs). Also authorizes the board to levy a monthly Enhanced 911 service charge on each voice communications service connection (formerly the board levied such a charge only on wireless company customers; other voice communications service provider customers may have paid different charges to local governments or, in some cases, may not have paid such charges at all). Permits the board to adjust the service charge on July 1 of even-numbered years but not to increase the charge above the 70 cents per month charge established by GS 62A-23(a). Authorizes local governmental units, in addition to the board, to initiate collection action against subscribers to voice communications services who fail to pay the service charge. States that funds derived from the service charge constitute "local revenue" and may not be reduced or withheld by the Governor.

Adds new provisions governing reimbursement to commercial mobile radio service providers for the actual costs incurred in complying with wireless 911 requirements imposed by the Federal Communications Commission. Also establishes detailed provisions for distribution to eligible primary PSAPs of funds remitted to the board by voice communications service providers. Requires the fiscal officer to whom such distributions are made to deposit the funds in a special revenue fund and use them only for specified purposes. Also requires each PSAP to submit budget information to the board each July (currently, January). Authorizes the board to audit PSAPs to ensure that revenues received from the 911 Fund are being used in accordance with the statute. Requires the board to undertake its duties in a manner that is competitively and technologically neutral as to all voice communications service providers. Makes a number of technical changes to accomplish the goal of consolidating the Enhanced 911 system.

**Intro. by Saunders, Brubaker, Holliman,** GS 62A  
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May 3, 2007

**H 1755. COORDINATE STATEWIDE ENHANCED 911 SYSTEM.** Filed 4/18/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Modifies GS 62A-21 regarding the definition of *voice communications services* (VCS) to include Voice over Internet Protocols (VoIP) as defined by the Federal Communications Commission in 47 C.F.R. Section 9.3. Provides that data lines are not included as VCS. Amends GS 62A-23 to limit the charge to

connections capable of accessing 911. Modifies GS 62A-25 regarding distribution and use of funds remitted under this act. Provides for any fund balance in the Emergency Telephone System Fund prior to the effective date of this act to be transferred to the General Fund of the governing entity to be used for any lawful purpose.

June 4, 2007

**H 1755. COORDINATE STATEWIDE ENHANCED 911 SYSTEM.** Filed 4/18/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Enacts a new GS Chapter 62B (Public Safety Telephone Service) to provide for the statewide 911 system and repeals GS 62A-1 through 62A-32, the existing statutory provisions for the collection and disbursement of 911 service charges.

*Definitions* (GS 62B-1): Makes multiple changes to the definitions by adding terms for contemporary communications technology, updating or substituting new terminology, and removing references to repealed statutes.

*Emergency locating board* (GS 62B-2): Adds guidelines providing for term lengths, filling of vacancies, and removal of members from the 17-member 911 Emergency Locating Board (911 ELB) provided for in the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Directs that GS 14-324 (regarding conflict of interest) is to apply to members, officers, and employees of the 911 ELB.

*Duties of 911 ELB* (GS 62B-3): Provides additional duties as follows: (1) to adopt rules to administer the provisions of the act, but prohibits regulation of any other aspect of the provision of Enhanced 911 service; (2) to provide or fund advisory services and training for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP); (3) to disburse revenues remitted to the 911 Fund; and (4) to establish the procedures for disbursing the revenues and advise voice communication services providers and eligible PSAPs of the procedures within 60 days after all 911 ELB members are appointed. Authorizes the 911 ELB to deduct an administrative fee of up to 1% of the total service charges remitted by voice communications service providers. Additionally provides that the 911 ELB may take other necessary and proper action to implement the provisions of GS Chapter 62B.

*Grant Fund* (GS 62B-6): New provision establishes a grant fund within the 911 Fund (an-interest bearing special revenue fund within the Department of the Treasurer). Provides guidelines for reallocation of 911 Funds to the grant fund, regarding the grant application process for PSAPs, and governing the terms of the grant agreement between the 911 ELB and a PSAP.

Provides that the records, personnel, property, and balance of funds of the existing Wireless 911 Board are transferred to the new 911 ELB as of January 1, 2008. Amends GS 62-157, 105-130.5(b)(17), and 105-164.13(54)c. to make technical changes to provide the correct statutory references to proposed new GS Chapter 62B.

Makes additional technical and conforming changes.

June 5, 2007

**H 1755. COORDINATE STATEWIDE ENHANCED 911 SYSTEM.** Filed 4/18/07. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Modifies proposed GS 62B-4 to push back the date on which the 70 cent monthly rate begins from October 1, 2007, to January 1, 2008. Makes a technical correction to Section 1.

July 19, 2007

**H 1755. COORDINATE STATEWIDE ENHANCED 911 SYSTEM.** Filed 4/18/07. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 4th edition. Substantially reorganizes, clarifies, and makes technical corrections to the provisions of the bill. Adds a new section providing that the 911 charge is suspended from August 1, 2007, until the end of the 2008 calendar year. Directs the Joint Legislative Utility Review Committee to determine the best collection method for the charge and report to the 2008 session.

August 27, 2007

**SL 2007-383 (H 1755). COORDINATE STATEWIDE ENHANCED 911 SYSTEM. AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AND IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE'S 911 SYSTEM**

*THROUGH A STATEWIDE 911 BOARD, BY ENSURING THAT ALL VOICE SERVICES CONTRIBUTE TO THE 911 SYSTEM AND BY PROVIDING PARITY IN THE QUALITY OF SERVICE AND THE LEVEL OF 911 CHARGES ACROSS VOICE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS.* Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/19/07, 5/3/07, 6/4/07, 6/5/07, and 7/19/07. Enacted August 19, 2007. Sections 1–6 are effective January 1, 2008. The remainder is effective August 19, 2007.