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S 776. PREPAID WIRELESS/SERVICE CHARGES. Filed 3/23/09. *AMENDING THE SERVICE CHARGE FOR PREPAID WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE AND ALLOWING RETAIL VENDOR OF PREPAID WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE TO COLLECT THE SERVICE CHARGES AND REMIT THE AMOUNTS TO THE 911 BOARD.*

Amends GS 62A-43 by deleting the provision that required a service provider of prepaid wireless telephone service to collect and remit a monthly subscriber service charge to the 911 Board by either (1) collecting the service charge from each active prepaid wireless telephone service subscriber whose account balance is equal to or greater than the amount of the service charge or (2) dividing the provider's total earned prepaid wireless telephone service revenue received for the month from each prepaid subscriber by \$50 and multiplying the quotient by the amount of the service charge. Instead, requires that the service charge for prepaid wireless telephone service be set at 1% of the retail purchase price for the prepaid wireless telephone service. Allows the 911 Board to adjust the service charge in the manner provided in subsection (d) of the statute. Requires that any person or entity selling prepaid wireless telephone service at retail in this state, without regard to whether the service is represented by a card or other tangible personal property transferred by the vendor to the purchaser, must collect the service charge from the subscriber at the retail point of sale. Effective July 1, 2009.

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