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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, AUGUST 16, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in alternative form of regulation of
3 telecommunications services, providing for compensation to
4 volunteer fire companies for outages of 911 systems.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 3020. Compensation to volunteer fire companies for outages of
10 911 systems.

11 (a) Compensation.--A local exchange telecommunications
12 company with a system failure that results in an outage of a 911
13 system shall compensate a volunteer fire company that is
14 required to physically maintain a volunteer firefighter at the
15 company's fire station as a result of the outage. The
16 compensation rate under this subsection shall be \$1,000 for each
17 hour a volunteer fire company is required to physically maintain
18 a volunteer firefighter at the company's fire station as a

1 result of the outage.

2 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
3 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
4 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

5 "911 system." As defined in 35 Pa.C.S. § 5302 (relating to
6 definitions).

7 "Volunteer fire company." As defined in 35 Pa.C.S. § 7802
8 (relating to definitions).

9 "Volunteer firefighter." As defined in 35 Pa.C.S. § 7412
10 (relating to definitions).

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.