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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1946

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PREPAID WIRELESS
9 PUBLIC SAFETY CHARGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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12 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PREPAID
13 WIRELESS PUBLIC SAFETY CHARGES.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-10-326(b)(1), concerning prepaid
20 wireless public safety charges, is amended to read as follows:

21 (b)(1) For each retail transaction occurring in this state, a seller
22 of prepaid wireless ~~services~~ service shall collect from the consumer a public
23 safety charge equal to ~~ten~~:

24 (A) Ten percent (10%) of the value of the prepaid wireless
25 service through December 31, 2022;

26 (B) Seven and five-tenths percent (7.5%) of the value of
27 the prepaid wireless service beginning January 1, 2023; and

28 (C) Five percent (5%) of the value of the prepaid wireless
29 service beginning January 1, 2024.
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 19-5-1152(e), concerning the Arkansas
32 Public Safety Trust Fund, is amended to read as follows:

33 (e)(1) On or before the fifteenth business day of July 2020 and on the
34 fifteenth business day of each fiscal quarter thereafter, moneys in the fund
35 shall be distributed as follows:

36 ~~(1)~~(A) Up to sixty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$62,500)



1 to the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training; and
2 ~~(2)(B)~~ Up to two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the division to
3 support upgrades and maintenance for the Arkansas Wireless Information
4 Network.

5 (2) The entities under subdivision (e)(1) of this section are
6 subject to the decreased amount of collection under § 12-10-326(b)(1) on an
7 equal basis.