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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
JANUARY 28, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in 911 emergency communication
3 services, further providing for telecommunications management
4 and for fund, providing for Legislative Budget and Finance
5 Committee review and further providing for termination of
6 chapter.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Sections 5303(b)(1), (3) and (4) and 5306.1(d)(2)
10 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are
11 amended to read:

12 § 5303. Telecommunications management.

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14 (b) Establishment of 911 board.--There is established a
15 board within the agency to be known as the 911 board. The board
16 shall be comprised of the following:

17 (1) The following State officials, who shall serve as
18 voting members:

19 (i) The director of the agency, who shall act as

1 chairperson.

2 (ii) The State 911 coordinator.

3 (iii) The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State
4 Police.

5 (iv) The chairman of the Veterans Affairs and
6 Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Senate.

7 (v) The minority chairman of the Veterans Affairs
8 and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Senate.

9 (vi) The chairman of the Veterans Affairs and
10 Emergency Preparedness Committee of the House of
11 Representatives.

12 (vii) The minority chairman of the Veterans Affairs
13 and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the House of
14 Representatives.

15 (viii) The State Fire Commissioner.

16 (ix) The chairperson of the State Geospatial
17 Coordinating Board.

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19 (3) A representative from the following State agencies,
20 who shall serve as nonvoting members, to be appointed by the
21 chief executive or administrative officer of each agency:

22 (i) The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

23 [(ii) The Office of the State Fire Commissioner.]

24 (iii) The Governor's Office of Administration.

25 (4) A representative from the following Statewide
26 associations, who shall serve as nonvoting members:

27 (i) The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association.

28 (ii) The Fraternal Order of Police.

29 (iii) The Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services
30 Council.

1 (iv) The Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services
2 Institute.

3 (v) The Association of Public-Safety Communications
4 Officials.

5 (vi) The Pennsylvania Chapter of the National
6 Emergency Number Association.

7 (vii) The Keystone Emergency Management Association.

8 (viii) The Pennsylvania Professional Fire Fighters
9 Association.

10 (ix) The Firemen's Association of the State of
11 Pennsylvania.

12 (x) The Pennsylvania Wireless Association.

13 (xi) The Pennsylvania Telephone Association.

14 (xii) The Broadband Cable Association of
15 Pennsylvania.

16 (xiii) The Pennsylvania Municipal League.

17 (xiv) The Pennsylvania State Association of
18 Boroughs.

19 (xv) The Pennsylvania State Association of Township
20 Supervisors.

21 (xvi) The Pennsylvania State Association of Township
22 Commissioners.

23 (xvii) The Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania.

24 (xviii) The Pennsylvania Association of Councils of
25 Governments.

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27 § 5306.1. Fund.

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29 (d) Distribution.--Within 30 days after the end of each
30 quarter, the agency shall determine the amount available from

1 the fund for distribution and make disbursements in accordance
2 with the Statewide 911 plan and this chapter and in accordance
3 with the following:

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5 (2) Up to 15% of the amount in the fund shall be used by
6 the agency to establish, enhance, operate or maintain
7 Statewide interconnectivity of 911 systems, including, but
8 not limited to, the use or obligations of money for debt
9 service related to regional or Statewide interconnectivity.
10 Money under this paragraph may also be used to purchase a
11 Statewide system designed to allow individuals to associate
12 their phone numbers with personal information, such as a
13 physical disability, so that when an individual makes a 911
14 call, the PSAP has the individual's personal information.

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16 Section 2. Title 35 is amended by adding a section to read:
17 § 5315. Legislative Budget and Finance Committee review.

18 The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee shall review the
19 annual reports required under this chapter as well as the
20 inventory report under section 5314 (relating to inventory) and
21 shall make recommendations on the reauthorization of the
22 provisions of this chapter by June 30, 2021.

23 Section 3. Section 5398 of Title 35 is amended to read:

24 § 5398. Termination.

25 [This] (a) General rule.--Except as set forth in subsection
26 (b), this chapter shall expire June 30, [2019] 2021.

27 (b) Exception.--Section 5304(c) (relating to counties) shall
28 expire June 30, 2019.

29 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.