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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 SERVICES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 138, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[-]CHAPTER 138[+]

4 **ENHANCED 911 SERVICES [~~FOR MOBILE PHONES~~**

5 [-]§138-1[+] **Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless  
6 the context requires otherwise:

7 "911" means the digits, address, internet protocol address,  
8 or other information used to access or initiate a call to a  
9 public safety answering point.

10 "911 system" means an emergency communications system that:

11 (1) Enables the user of a voice communications service  
12 connection such as telephone, computer, or commercial  
13 mobile radio service, interconnected voice over  
14 internet protocol service or a data communications  
15 service connection that transmits data exclusively,  
16 such as text messaging, to reach a public safety  
17 answering point by accessing 911, or via a service or



1 relay bureau or accessing a 911 system through some  
2 other means; and

3 (2) Provides enhanced 911 service.

4 "Automatic location identification" means [~~a wireless~~] an  
5 enhanced 911 service capability that enables the automatic  
6 display of information indicating the address or approximate  
7 geographic location of the [~~wireless telephone~~] communication  
8 device used to place a 911 call [~~in accordance with the Federal~~  
9 ~~Communications Commission Order~~].

10 "Automatic number identification" means [~~a wireless~~] an  
11 enhanced 911 service capability that enables the automatic  
12 display of the ten-digit [~~wireless~~] telephone number [~~used to~~  
13 ~~place a 911 call in accordance with the Federal Communications~~  
14 ~~Commission order.~~] or some other unique identifier of the device  
15 from which a 911 call is placed.

16 "Board" means the [~~wireless~~] enhanced 911 board established  
17 under this chapter.

18 "Call" means any communication, message, signal, or  
19 transmission.

20 "Commercial mobile radio service" means commercial mobile  
21 radio service under sections 3(27) and 332(d) of the Federal  
22 Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. 151 et seq., and the



1 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, P.L. 103-66, August  
2 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 312.

3 "Commercial mobile radio service connection" means each  
4 active wireless telephone number assigned to a commercial mobile  
5 radio service customer, including end-users of resellers whose  
6 place of primary use is within the State.

7 ~~["Federal Communications Commission order" means the~~  
8 ~~original order issued in the Federal Communications Commission~~  
9 ~~Docket No. 94-102 governing wireless enhanced 911 service and~~  
10 ~~any other Federal [Communications] Commission orders related to~~  
11 ~~the provision of wireless enhanced 911 service.]~~

12 "Communications service" means a service capable of  
13 accessing, connecting with, or interfacing with a 911 system, by  
14 dialing, initializing, or otherwise activating the 911 system by  
15 means of a local telephone device, commercial mobile radio  
16 service device, interconnected voice over internet protocol  
17 device, indirect communication through a service bureau or call  
18 relay service, such as alarm companies or any other means.

19 "Communications service connection" means each telephone  
20 number or a device's unique identifier assigned to a residential  
21 or commercial subscriber by a communications service provider,  
22 without regard to technology deployed.



1       "Communications service provider" means an entity that  
2 provides communications service to a subscriber.

3       "Competitive local exchange carrier" means an alternative  
4 provider of local communication services other than the  
5 incumbent local exchange carrier.

6       "Database service provider" means a service supplier who  
7 maintains and supplies or contracts to maintain and supply an  
8 automatic information location database or master street address  
9 guide.

10       "Enhanced 911 fund" or "fund" means the special fund  
11 established by section 138-3.

12       "Enhanced 911 service costs" means all capital,  
13 nonrecurring, and recurring costs directly related to the  
14 implementation, operation, and administration of enhanced 911  
15 services.

16       "Interconnected voice over internet protocol" or "voice  
17 over internet protocol" means a service that:

18       (1) Enables real-time, two-way voice communications;

19       (2) Requires a broadband connection from the user's  
20 location;

21       (3) Requires internet protocol-compatible customer  
22 premises equipment; and



1       (4) Permits users generally to receive calls that  
2           originate on the public switched telephone network and  
3           to terminate calls to the public switched telephone  
4           network.

5       "Interconnected voice over internet protocol service  
6 provider" means an entity that provides interconnected voice  
7 over internet protocol service.

8       "Prepaid connection" means the sale of a communications  
9 service that is paid for in advance or sold in predetermined  
10 units of which the number of units declines with use of the  
11 services.

12       "Proprietary information" means customer lists and other  
13 related information (including the number of customers),  
14 technology descriptions, technical information, or trade  
15 secrets, and the actual or developmental costs of [wireless]  
16 enhanced 911 service that are developed, produced, or received  
17 internally by a [wireless] communications service provider or by  
18 a provider's employees, directors, officers, or agents.

19       "Public safety agency" means a functional division of [the  
20 ~~State or county~~] a governmental entity that provides or has  
21 authority to provide, or a private entity contracted by a [~~state~~  
22 ~~or county agency~~] governmental entity that provides,



1 firefighting, law enforcement, ambulance, medical, or other  
2 emergency services.

3 "Public safety answering point" means the public safety  
4 agency that receives incoming 911 calls and dispatches  
5 appropriate public safety agencies to respond to those calls.

6 "Reseller" means a person or entity that purchases  
7 ~~[commercial mobile radio service]~~ communications services from a  
8 ~~[wireless]~~ communications service provider for the purpose of  
9 reselling ~~[commercial mobile radio service]~~ communications  
10 services to end-users.

11 ~~["Wireless enhanced 911 commercial mobile radio service~~  
12 ~~costs" means all capital, nonrecurring, and recurring costs~~  
13 ~~directly related to the implementation and operation of phase I~~  
14 ~~or phase II wireless enhanced 911 services pursuant to the~~  
15 ~~Federal Communications Commission order.~~

16 ~~"Wireless enhanced 911 fund" or "fund" means the statewide~~  
17 ~~special fund established to ensure adequate cost recovery for~~  
18 ~~the deployment of phase I and phase II wireless enhanced 911~~  
19 ~~service in Hawaii.~~

20 ~~"Wireless provider" means a person or entity that is~~  
21 ~~authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to provide~~



1 ~~facilities-based commercial mobile radio service within the~~  
2 ~~State.]~~

3 "Universal emergency number service" or "911 service" means  
4 public communications service that provides service users with  
5 the ability to reach a public safety answering point by  
6 accessing a 911 system.

7 ~~[§138-2]~~ ~~[Wireless-enhanced]~~ Enhanced 911 board. (a)

8 There is created within the department of accounting and general  
9 services, for administrative purposes, ~~[a wireless]~~ an enhanced  
10 911 board consisting of ~~[eleven]~~ thirteen voting members;  
11 provided that the membership shall consist of:

12 (1) The comptroller or the comptroller's designee;

13 (2) Three representatives from wireless communications  
14 service providers, who shall be appointed by the  
15 governor as provided in section 26-34 ~~[, except as~~  
16 ~~otherwise provided by law];~~

17 (3) One representative each from the public safety  
18 answering points for Oahu, Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, and  
19 Molokai ~~[, who shall be appointed by the governor,]~~ and  
20 one representative, chosen by the mayor of the city  
21 and county of Honolulu, who shall be appointed by the  
22 governor as provided in section 26-34 ~~[except as~~



1 otherwise provided by law, from a list of five names  
2 submitted by each respective public safety answering  
3 point];

4 (4) The consumer advocate or the consumer advocate's  
5 designee; [and]

6 (5) One representative from a communications service  
7 company that offers interconnected voice over internet  
8 protocol services, who shall be appointed by the  
9 governor as provided in section 26-34; and

10 [+5+] (6) One representative of the current [wireline  
11 provider of enhanced 911.] local exchange carrier.

12 (b) [~~Six members~~] A simple majority shall constitute a  
13 quorum, whose affirmative vote shall be necessary for all  
14 actions by the board.

15 (c) The chairperson of the board shall be elected by the  
16 members of the board by simple majority and shall serve a term  
17 of one year.

18 (d) The board shall meet upon the call of the chairperson,  
19 but not less than quarterly.

20 (e) The members representing wireless, local exchange  
21 carrier, and interconnected voice over internet protocol service  
22 providers shall be appointed by the governor for terms of two





1 years[, ~~except that terms of the two members initially appointed~~  
2 ~~shall be for eighteen months~~].

3 (f) Each member shall hold office until the member's  
4 successor is appointed and qualified. Section 26-34 shall apply  
5 only insofar as it relates to succession, vacancies, and  
6 suspension of board members, and as provided in subsection (a).

7 (g) The board may adopt rules under chapter 91 as  
8 necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

9 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) The members shall serve without compensation.  
10 Members shall be entitled to reimbursements from the ~~[wireless]~~  
11 enhanced 911 fund for reasonable traveling expenses incurred in  
12 connection with the performance of board duties.

13 ~~[(h)]~~ (i) The board or its chairperson, with the approval  
14 of the board, may retain independent, third-party accounting  
15 firms, consultants, or other third party to:

- 16 (1) Create reports, make payments into the fund, process  
17 checks, and make distributions from the fund, as  
18 directed by the board and as allowed by this chapter;  
19 and
- 20 (2) Perform administrative duties necessary to administer  
21 the fund or oversee operations of the board, including  
22 providing technical advisory support~~[.]~~; provided that



1           no third-party accounting firm, consultant, or other  
2           third party hired to perform these administrative  
3           duties may be retained if the accounting firm,  
4           consultant, or other third party, either directly or  
5           indirectly, has a conflict of interest or is  
6           affiliated with the management of or owns a pecuniary  
7           interest in any entity subject to the provisions of  
8           this chapter.

9           ~~[(i)]~~ (j) The board shall develop reasonable procedures to  
10          ensure that all ~~[wireless providers]~~ members receive adequate  
11          notice of board meetings and information concerning board  
12          decisions.

13           ~~[\$138-3]~~ **Wireless enhanced** Enhanced 911 fund. There  
14          is established outside the state treasury a special fund, to be  
15          known as the ~~[wireless]~~ enhanced 911 fund, to be administered by  
16          the board. The fund shall consist of amounts collected under  
17          section 138-4. The board shall place the funds in an interest-  
18          bearing account at any federally insured financial institution,  
19          separate and apart from the general fund of the State. Moneys  
20          in the fund shall be expended exclusively by the board for the  
21          purposes of ensuring adequate ~~[cost recovery for the deployment,~~  
22          ~~of phase I and phase II wireless]~~ funding to deploy and sustain



1 enhanced 911 service, to develop and fund future enhanced 911  
2 technologies, and for expenses of administering the fund. [~~Any~~  
3 ~~funds that accumulate in the wireless enhanced 911 fund shall be~~  
4 ~~retained in the fund unless determined by the legislature to be~~  
5 ~~in excess.~~]

6 ~~[+]§138-4[+]~~ **Surcharge.** (a) A monthly [~~wireless~~]  
7 enhanced 911 surcharge, subject to this chapter, shall be  
8 imposed upon each [~~commercial mobile radio~~] communications  
9 service connection~~[-]~~, except connections of the local exchange  
10 carrier providing land line enhanced 911 services through  
11 section 269-16.95.

12 (b) [~~The effective date of the surcharge shall be July 1,~~  
13 ~~2004.~~] The rate of the surcharge shall be set at 66 cents per  
14 month for each [~~commercial mobile radio~~] communications service  
15 connection. The surcharge shall have uniform application and  
16 shall be imposed on each [~~commercial mobile radio~~]  
17 communications service connection operating within the State  
18 except:

- 19 (1) Connections billed to federal, state, and county  
20 governmental entities; [~~and~~]  
21 (2) Prepaid connections ~~[-]~~; and



1       (3) Connections provided by a local exchange carrier  
2           providing land line enhanced 911 services through  
3           section 269-16.95.

4       (c) All [~~wireless~~] communications service providers and  
5 resellers shall bill to and collect from each of their customers  
6 a monthly surcharge at the rate established for each [~~commercial~~  
7 ~~mobile radio~~] communications service connection. The [~~wireless~~]  
8 communications service provider or reseller may list the  
9 surcharge as a separate line item on each bill. If a [~~wireless~~]  
10 communications service provider or reseller receives a partial  
11 payment for a monthly bill from a [~~commercial mobile radio~~]  
12 communications service customer, the [~~wireless~~] communications  
13 service provider or reseller shall apply the payment against the  
14 amount the customer owes the [~~wireless~~] communications service  
15 provider or reseller, before applying the partial payment  
16 against the surcharge.

17       (d) A [~~wireless~~] communications service provider that:

18       (1) Is collecting the surcharge and remitting appropriate  
19           portions of the surcharge to the fund pursuant to this  
20           chapter; and



1           (2) Has been requested by a public safety answering point  
2           to provide [~~phase I or phase II wireless~~] enhanced 911  
3           service in a particular county or counties,  
4 may recover [~~wireless~~] enhanced 911 [~~commercial mobile radio~~]  
5 service costs as provided in this chapter.

6           (e) Each [~~wireless~~] communications service provider or  
7 reseller may retain two per cent of the amount of surcharges  
8 collected to offset administrative expenses associated with  
9 billing and collecting the surcharge.

10          (f) A [~~wireless~~] communications service provider or  
11 reseller shall remit to the [~~wireless~~] enhanced 911 fund, within  
12 sixty days after the end of the calendar month in which the  
13 surcharge is collected, an amount that represents the surcharges  
14 collected less amounts retained for administrative expenses  
15 incurred by the [~~wireless~~] communications service provider or  
16 reseller, as provided in subsection (e).

17          (g) A public utility providing local exchange enhanced 911  
18 communication services for its customer base and other service  
19 providers using the wire line provider's enhanced 911 service  
20 may collect and retain the surcharge at the established rate set  
21 forth in section 269-16.95.



1           ~~(g)~~ (h) The surcharges collected by the ~~wireless~~  
2 communications service provider or reseller pursuant to this  
3 section shall not be subject to any tax, fee, or assessment, nor  
4 are ~~they~~ the surcharges considered revenue of the provider or  
5 reseller.

6           ~~(h)~~ (i) Each customer who is subject to this chapter  
7 shall be liable to the State for the surcharge until it has been  
8 paid to the ~~wireless~~ communications service provider.

9 ~~Wireless~~ Communications service providers shall have no  
10 liability to remit surcharges that have not been paid by  
11 customers. A ~~wireless~~ communications service provider or  
12 reseller shall have no obligation to take any legal action to  
13 enforce the collection of the surcharge for which any customer  
14 is billed. However, the board may initiate a collection action  
15 against the customer. If the board prevails in such a  
16 collection action, reasonable attorney's fees and costs shall be  
17 awarded.

18           ~~(i)~~ (j) At any time the members deem it necessary and  
19 appropriate, the board may meet to make recommendations to the  
20 legislature as to whether the surcharge and fund should be  
21 discontinued, continued as is, or amended.



1           ~~[(j)]~~ (k) When considering whether to discontinue,  
2 continue as is, or amend the fund or surcharge, the board's  
3 recommendations shall be based on the latest available  
4 information concerning costs associated with providing  
5 ~~[wireless] enhanced 911 service [in accordance with the Federal~~  
6 ~~Communications Commission order].~~

7           ~~[(f)]~~ **§138-5(f) Recovery Disbursements from the fund.** (a)  
8 ~~[After January 1, 2005, every]~~ Every public safety answering  
9 point shall be eligible to seek ~~[reimbursement]~~ disbursements  
10 from the fund ~~[solely]~~ to pay for the reasonable costs to lease,  
11 purchase, or maintain all necessary equipment, including  
12 computer hardware, software, and database provisioning, required  
13 by the public safety answering point to provide technical  
14 functionality for the ~~[wireless] enhanced 911 service [pursuant~~  
15 ~~to the Federal Communications Commission order].~~ Reasonable  
16 costs may include expenses directly associated with the planning  
17 phases and training of personnel in any new and emerging  
18 technologies involving enhanced 911. All other expenses  
19 necessary to operate the public safety answering point,  
20 including but not limited to those expenses related to overhead,  
21 staffing, and other day-to-day operational expenses, shall



1 continue to be paid through the general funding of the  
2 respective counties.

3 (b) Every public safety answering point shall be eligible  
4 to seek disbursements from the fund to pay for the reasonable  
5 costs associated with having representatives, other than  
6 enhanced 911 board members, on enhanced 911 board committees,  
7 including established and investigative committees.

8 ~~[(b) After January 1, 2005, each wireless]~~ (c) Each  
9 communications service provider may request reimbursement from  
10 the fund of ~~[wireless]~~ enhanced 911 ~~[commercial mobile radio]~~  
11 service costs incurred; provided that the costs:

- 12 (1) Are recoverable under section 138-4(d); and  
13 (2) Have not already been reimbursed to the ~~[wireless]~~  
14 communications service provider from the fund.

15 In no event shall a ~~[wireless]~~ communications service provider  
16 be reimbursed for any amount above its actual ~~[wireless]~~  
17 enhanced 911 ~~[commercial mobile radio]~~ communications service  
18 costs allowed to be recovered under section 138-4(d).

19 (d) Every communications service provider may seek  
20 disbursements from the fund to pay for the reasonable costs  
21 associated with having representatives, other than board





1 members, on board committees, including established and  
2 investigative committees.

3 [~~e~~] (e) After the expenses of the board are paid, the  
4 public safety answering points shall be allocated two-thirds of  
5 the remaining balance of the fund. The remaining one-third  
6 shall be available for [~~wireless~~] communications service  
7 provider cost recovery. The board shall determine the  
8 reimbursement amounts for the public safety answering points,  
9 based on the limitations set forth in section 138-5(a). The  
10 reimbursement level for each [~~wireless~~] communications service  
11 provider shall be limited:

12 (1) To one third of the total contribution made by the  
13 [~~wireless~~] individual communications service provider  
14 [~~to the wireless provider cost recovery portion of~~]  
15 into the fund; provided that this method of direct  
16 reimbursement shall not be available to the provider  
17 of wire line enhanced 911; and

18 (2) As provided in [~~section 138-5(b).~~] subsection (c).

19 **[+]§138-6[+]** **Report to the legislature.** The board shall  
20 submit an annual report to the legislature, including:

21 (1) The total aggregate surcharge collected by the State  
22 in the last fiscal year;



- 1 (2) The amount of disbursement from the fund;
- 2 (3) The recipient of each disbursement and a description  
3 of the project for which the money was disbursed;
- 4 (4) The conditions, if any, placed by the board on  
5 disbursements from the fund;
- 6 (5) The planned expenditures from the fund in the next  
7 fiscal year;
- 8 (6) The amount of any unexpended funds carried forward for  
9 the next fiscal year;
- 10 (7) A cost study to guide the legislature towards  
11 necessary adjustments to the fund and the monthly  
12 surcharge; and
- 13 (8) A [~~progress~~] status report of jurisdictional  
14 [~~readiness~~] capabilities for [~~wireless E911~~] enhanced  
15 911 services, including public safety answering  
16 points[~~, wireless providers,~~] and [~~wireline~~]  
17 communications service providers. [~~The report shall~~  
18 ~~include the status of requirements outlined in the~~  
19 ~~Federal Communications Commission Order 94-102 and~~  
20 ~~subsequent supporting orders related to phase I and~~  
21 ~~phase II wireless 911 services.~~



1        ~~+~~§138-7 Audits.~~+~~ (a) During any period in which [a  
2 ~~wireless~~] an enhanced 911 surcharge is imposed upon customers,  
3 the board may request an audited report prepared by an  
4 independent certified public accountant that demonstrates that  
5 the request for cost recovery from public safety answering  
6 points and ~~[wireless]~~ communications service providers recovers  
7 only costs and expenses directly related to the provision of  
8 ~~[phase I or phase II wireless]~~ enhanced 911 service as  
9 authorized by this chapter. The cost of the audited reports  
10 shall be considered expenses of the board. The board shall  
11 prevent public disclosure of proprietary information contained  
12 in the audited report, unless required by court order or  
13 appropriate administrative agency decision.

14        (b) The board shall select an independent third party to  
15 audit the fund every two years to determine whether the fund is  
16 being managed in accordance with this chapter. The board may  
17 use the audit to determine whether the amount of the surcharge  
18 assessed on each ~~[commercial mobile radio]~~ communications  
19 service connection is required to be adjusted. The costs of the  
20 audit shall be an administrative cost of the board recoverable  
21 from the fund.



1           [+]§138-8[+] **Proprietary information.** (a) All  
2 proprietary information submitted to the board by any third  
3 party used by the board in connection with its duties or any  
4 public safety answering point in deploying [~~wireless~~] enhanced  
5 911 service shall be retained in confidence. Proprietary  
6 information submitted pursuant to this chapter shall not be  
7 released to any person, other than to the submitting [~~wireless~~]  
8 communications service provider or reseller, the board, or any  
9 independent, third-party accounting firm retained by the board,  
10 without the express permission of the submitting [~~wireless~~]  
11 communications service provider or reseller. General  
12 information collected by the board shall be released or  
13 published only in aggregate amounts that do not identify or  
14 allow identification of numbers of subscribers or revenues  
15 attributable to an individual [~~wireless~~] communications service  
16 provider.

17           (b) The board, any third parties it may retain, and any  
18 public safety answering point shall take appropriate measures to  
19 maintain the confidentiality of the proprietary information that  
20 may be submitted by a [~~wireless~~] communications service  
21 provider. The board shall hold all propriety information in  
22 confidence and shall adopt reasonable procedures to prevent



1 disclosure or providing access to the proprietary information to  
2 the public and competitors, including members of the board  
3 representing other [~~wireless~~] communications service providers.  
4 Members of the board shall not disclose the information to any  
5 third parties, including their employers, without the written  
6 consent of the [~~wireless~~] communications service provider whose  
7 proprietary information is to be disclosed.

8 (c) A committee consisting of all board members, except  
9 the [~~three wireless~~] communications service provider  
10 representatives, shall have the power to act for the board on  
11 the specific matters defined by the board, when at least two-  
12 thirds of the members of the board determine that a board action  
13 may be conducted by the committee to prevent disclosure of  
14 proprietary information to the [~~wireless~~] communications service  
15 provider representatives.

16 **[+]§138-9[+]** **Limitation of liability.** (a)  
17 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, in no event shall any  
18 [~~wireless~~] communications service provider, reseller,  
19 independent, third-party accounting firms, consultants, or other  
20 third party retained by the State under section 138-2, or their  
21 respective employees, directors, officers, assigns, affiliates,  
22 or agents, except in cases of gross negligence or wanton and



1 wilful misconduct, be liable for any civil damages or criminal  
2 liability resulting from death or injury to a person or from  
3 damage to property incurred by any person in connection with any  
4 act or omission in developing, designing, adopting,  
5 establishing, installing, participating in, implementing,  
6 maintaining, or providing access to [~~phase I or phase II~~  
7 wireless] enhanced 911 or any other [wireless] communications  
8 service intended to help persons obtain emergency assistance.  
9 In addition, no [wireless] communications service provider,  
10 reseller, independent, third-party accounting firms,  
11 consultants, or other third party retained by the State under  
12 section 138-2, or their respective employees, directors,  
13 officers, assigns, affiliates, or agents shall be liable for  
14 civil damages or criminal liability in connection with the  
15 release of customer information to any governmental entity,  
16 including any public safety answering point, as required under  
17 this chapter.

18 (b) In no event shall any public safety answering point,  
19 or its employees, assigns, or agents, or emergency response  
20 personnel, except in cases of gross negligence or wanton and  
21 wilful misconduct, be liable for any civil damages or criminal  
22 liability resulting from death or injury to the person or from



1 damage to property incurred by any person in connection with any  
2 act or omission in the development, installation, maintenance,  
3 operation, or provision of [~~phase I or phase II wireless~~]  
4 enhanced 911 service.

5       [+]§138-10[+] **Database or location information.** (a) Any  
6 [~~commercial mobile radio~~] communications service location  
7 information obtained by any public safety answering point or  
8 public safety agency or its personnel for public safety purposes  
9 is not a government record open to disclosure under chapter 92F.

10       (b) A person shall not disclose or use, for any purpose  
11 other than the [~~wireless~~] enhanced 911 calling system,  
12 information contained in the database of the [~~wireless~~]  
13 communications service provider's network portion of the  
14 [~~wireless~~] enhanced 911 calling system established pursuant to  
15 this chapter, without the prior written consent of the  
16 [~~wireless~~] communications service provider.

17       [+]§138-11[+] **Dispute resolution.** (a) Any [~~wireless~~]  
18 communications service provider, reseller, independent, third-  
19 party accounting firms, consultants, or other third party  
20 retained by the State under section 138-2, or public safety  
21 answering point aggrieved by a decision of the board shall have  
22 the right to petition the board for reconsideration within ten



1 days following the rendering of the board's decision. As part  
2 of its petition for reconsideration, the aggrieved party may  
3 present any reasonable evidence or information for the board to  
4 consider. The board shall render its decision on the  
5 reconsideration petition as soon as reasonably possible, but no  
6 later than thirty days after the reconsideration request is  
7 made.

8 (b) An aggrieved party, following the completion of the  
9 reconsideration petition process, upon agreement of the other  
10 party, may have the dispute resolved through final and binding  
11 arbitration by a single arbitrator in accordance with the  
12 [~~wireless~~] Industry Arbitration Rules of the American  
13 Arbitration Association. The costs of the arbitration,  
14 including the fees and expenses of the arbitrator, shall be  
15 borne by the nonprevailing party of any arbitration proceeding.  
16 The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding and may be  
17 confirmed and enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction.

18 (c) Nothing in this section shall preclude any [~~wireless~~]  
19 communications service provider, reseller, independent, third-  
20 party accounting firms, consultants, or other third party  
21 retained by the State under section 138-2, or public safety





1 answering point from pursuing any existing right or remedy to  
2 which it is entitled in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

3       [+]§138-12[+] **Service contracts.** A [wireless]  
4 communications service provider shall not be required to provide  
5 [wireless] enhanced 911 service until the [wireless]  
6 communications service provider and the public safety answering  
7 point providing [wireless] enhanced 911 service in the county or  
8 counties in which the [wireless] communications service provider  
9 is licensed to provide [~~commercial mobile radio~~] communications  
10 service have entered into a written agreement setting forth the  
11 basic terms of service to be provided."

12       SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Enhanced 911 Services; Surcharge; Fund; Board

**Description:**

Establishes a single entity to administer enhanced 911 services for the State and expands the membership and responsibilities of the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board. Effective 07/01/2050. (SD2)

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