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Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 1-B and inserting the following:

‘1-B. Statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge. The activities authorized under this chapter are funded through a special statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge levied on each residential and business telephone exchange line, including private branch exchange lines and Centrex lines, cellular or wireless telecommunications service customers, including prepaid wireless telephone service customers, interconnected voice over Internet protocol service customers and semipublic coin and public access lines. The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge may not be imposed on more than 25 lines or numbers per customer billing account, except that this limitation does not apply to prepaid wireless telephone services. In the case of cellular or wireless telecommunications service customers, the place of residence of those customers must be determined according to the sourcing rules for mobile telecommunications services as set forth in Title 36, section 2556. ~~The Beginning July 1, 2009, the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is 30¢37¢ per month per line or number or, in the case of prepaid wireless telephone services, 30¢37¢ per month or 30-day increment of service per customer.~~ Beginning July 1, 2010, the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is 52¢ per month per line or number or, in the case of prepaid wireless services, 52¢ per month or 30-day increment of service per customer. The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge must be collected from the customer on a monthly basis by each local exchange telephone utility, cellular or wireless telecommunications service provider and interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider and be shown separately as a statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge on the customer's bill, except that in the case of prepaid wireless telephone service, the collection of the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is governed by subsection 1-C.’

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

‘Sec. 2. Authority for legislation; E-9-1-1 surcharge. The Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy may submit legislation regarding the E-9-1-1 surcharge to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. Before submitting legislation under this section, the committee shall consider E-9-1-1 surcharge revenue history and projections, including surcharge revenue from prepaid wireless services; E-9-1-1 fund expenditure history and projections; unexpended amounts in the E-9-1-1 fund; any opportunities to reduce expenditures related to the configuration of public safety answering points; and designated uses of the E-9-1-1 fund. The Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau shall provide relevant information regarding the E-9-1-1 surcharge and E-9-1-1 fund for the committee’s consideration.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994

Initiative: Allocates funds to the Emergency Services Communication Bureau for the E-9-1-1 program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$1,286,506	\$4,043,303
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,286,506	\$4,043,303

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Amend the bill by striking out the emergency clause (page 2, lines 3 and 4 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect July 1, 2009.'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the amount of the E-9-1-1 surcharge proposed in the bill, which is 50¢ on an ongoing basis, to 37¢ effective July 1, 2009, and 52¢ effective July 1, 2010. The amendment also authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy to submit legislation regarding the E-9-1-1 surcharge to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. If the committee elects to submit legislation under this authority, the committee is required to consider certain information regarding the E-9-1-1 surcharge and the E-9-1-1 fund, including surcharge revenue history and projections, expenditure history and projections, unexpended amounts in the E-9-1-1 fund, opportunities to reduce expenditures related to the configuration of public safety answering points and designated uses of the E-9-1-1 fund.

The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)