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Overview

This bill relates to the structure and business practices of the 911-service system. It modifies provisions of 911 service contracts, integration-reporting requirements, and payments for recurring 911 system costs.

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- 1 Combined Local Access Surcharge.** Deletes the provision that requires the commissioner of public safety to divide fees collected on telephone access lines "proportional to the individual surcharge." The commissioner of public safety collects the following fees: the 911 fee (Minn. Stat. § 403.11), Telephone Access Program (TAP) (Minn. Stat. § 237.52), and Telephone Access Minnesota (TAM) (Minn. Stat. § 237.52).
- 2 Contractual requirements.** Eliminates the requirement that that state must enter into a three-way contract with government agencies and 911-service providers. Provides that the state must contract with a government agency and enter into a separate contract with a 911-service provider.
- 3 Agreements for service.** Provides that a government agency is entitled to be a party to a contract between the state and a 911-service provider if requested by the agency. See **section 2**.
- 4 Duties.** Eliminates the August 1, 1997 deadline by which wireless carriers were to develop a plan to integrate wireless 911 services into the enhanced 911 networks. Provides that wireless carriers must provide the commissioner of public safety with an annual report on estimates of the installation costs and recurring expenses for integration.
- 5 Emergency telecommunications service fee; account.** Eliminates obsolete language and

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consolidates other language to clarify that the fee assessed to a telephone customer is to cover or offset the following costs: (1) ongoing maintenance and related improvements for trunking and central office switching equipment, (2) administrative and staffing costs of the commissioner for managing 911 services, (3) distribution costs under section 403.113, and (4) administrative and staffing costs incurred by the State Patrol in handling wireless 911 calls. Modifies language applicable to the reimbursement of wireless carriers for installation and recurring charges for integrating wireless 911 calls into the statewide plan, and consolidates language providing for the reimbursement of competitive local exchanges carrier for recurring costs of integrating into the 911 network.

6 Method of payment. Technical, conforming change. See **section 5** .

7 Timely invoices. Eliminates the requirement that all 911 expenses must be certified to the commissioner and specifies that invoices for services provided for in a 911 service contract must be submitted to the commissioner within 90 days of the new service.

8 Declaration. Modifies the certification process for 911 expense claims. Provides that if the commissioner disputes an invoice submitted under **section 7** , the service provider must submit a sworn declaration to the commissioner describing and affirming the contents of the invoice within 60 days. If a service provider fails to timely submit the declaration, the disputed amount of the invoice is disallowed.

9 Audit. Technical, conforming change.

10 Fee. Eliminates language redundant with Minn. Stat. § 403.11, subdivision 1, but retains the language requiring the fee collected to fund implementation, operation, maintenance, enhancement, and expansion of enhanced 911 services. Deletes various provisions requiring the fee to be collected in accordance with and in the same amount as the fee collected in Minn. Stat. § 403.11. Deletes the requirement that the commissioner consult with the counties and 911 system users to determine the amount of the enhanced 911-service fee.

11 Local expenditures. Technical, conforming change. See **section 10** .

12 Repealer. Repeals section 403.08, subdivision 8, relating to the 1997 deadline for planning integration into the enhanced 911 system to meet FCC-enhanced 911 standards.