

(A) THERE IS ESTABLISHED THE 911 TRUST FUND CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GRANTS TO THE COUNTIES TO FINANCE THE INSTALLATION OF A "~~MINIMUM~~ 911 SYSTEM" ON A STATEWIDE BASIS AND PROVIDING ~~LOANS~~ OR GRANTS TO THE COUNTIES TO FINANCE "ENHANCEMENTS" TO A "~~MINIMUM~~ 911 SYSTEM."

(B) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, THERE IS ESTABLISHED AS AN ADDED COST OF TELEPHONE SERVICE IN MARYLAND, A 911 SURCHARGE, TO BE PAID BY THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES AS DEFINED IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION LAW. THIS SURCHARGE SHALL BE ASSESSED AS A ~~PERCENTAGE OF SET FEE PER TELEPHONE SERVICE ACCOUNT~~ AND WILL BE IMPOSED AS OF JULY 1, 1980, AND SHALL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 1983. THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SHALL IMPOSE THE SURCHARGE AND SHALL AUTHORIZE THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES TO ADD THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE SURCHARGE TO CUSTOMERS' BILLS. TO THE EXTENT THAT THE SURCHARGE IS NOT COLLECTED FROM CUSTOMERS, THE SURCHARGE SHALL BE DEEMED A COST OF TELEPHONE SERVICE AND SHALL BE ALLOWED AND COMPUTED AS SUCH, TOGETHER WITH OTHER ALLOWABLE EXPENSES, FOR RATE-MAKING PURPOSES. REVENUES FROM THE SURCHARGE SHALL BE COLLECTED BY THE COMPTROLLER AND PLACED IN THE FUND.

(C) THE SECRETARY, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE BOARD SHALL PREPARE THE BUDGET FISCAL REQUIREMENTS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE. UPON APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FISCAL REQUIREMENTS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT OF THE SURCHARGE ~~AS A FUNCTION OF THE NUMBER OF TELEPHONE LINES FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1980.~~ THE COMPTROLLER SHALL MAINTAIN THE METHOD OF COLLECTION OF THE SURCHARGE FROM THE COMPANIES AND THE COLLECTIONS SHALL ACCRUE TO THE FUND.

(D) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND BUDGETING ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING.

(E) THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR SHALL CONDUCT POST AUDITS OF A FISCAL AND COMPLIANCE NATURE OF THE FUND AND OF THE APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES MADE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE. THE COST OF THE FISCAL PORTION OF THE POST AUDIT EXAMINATION SHALL BE AN OPERATING COST OF THE FUND.

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NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE DEEMED TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY TO PROVIDE ANY EQUIPMENT OR SERVICE OTHER THAN PURSUANT TO TARIFFS APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION. FURTHERMORE, THE FURNISHINGS OF SERVICES, RATES AND THE EXTENT OF LIABILITIES, IF ANY, OF A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THOSE TARIFFS APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

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