

Emergency Telephone System - Trust Fund

FOR the purpose of ~~providing--for-the-funding-of-the-911 Emergency-Telephone--System,--and--clarifying--language~~ changing the method of collecting from telephone subscribers the amounts required to fund the 911 trust fund; prescribing the duties of the public service commission, telephone companies and the State comptroller.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments
Section 204H-1(f)(10), 204H-5(b) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1979 supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments

204H-1.

(f) In this subtitle, the following words and terms have the meanings indicated:

(10) "911 Trust Fund" means the net proceeds of the [surcharge] FEE proposed in Section 204H-5 of this subtitle.

204H-5.

(b) For purposes of this subtitle, there is established [as an added cost of telephone service in Maryland,] a 911 [surcharge] FEE, to be paid by the SUBSCRIBERS TO telephone [companies as defined in the Public Service Commission Law] SERVICE. [This surcharge shall be assessed as a set fee per telephone 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] SET THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE AND DIRECT THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES TO ADD IT TO ALL BILLS RENDERED FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE IN THE STATE ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1980 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1983. AFTER JUNE 30, 1983, THIS FEE MAY NOT BE IMPOSED. THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES SHALL ACT AS