

CHAPTER 67

(Senate Bill 542)

AN ACT concerning

911 Emergency Telephone Systems

FOR the purpose of providing for the payment of certain costs of maintaining and operating 911 emergency telephone systems; authorizing counties to impose certain charges in addition to the 911 fee to be paid by telephone subscribers to switched local exchange access service and deposited for the account of the counties in the 911 Trust Fund to be held by the State Comptroller; requiring the Public Service Commission to direct telephone companies to collect the additional charge as agents for the 911 Trust Fund and for the benefit of the counties imposing the additional charge; providing for the disbursement of moneys in the 911 Trust Fund; authorizing the use of moneys in the 911 Trust Fund to pay certain costs of maintaining and operating 911 emergency telephone systems; fixing the 911 fee collected on a statewide basis at a certain rate and eliminating a time limitation on the imposition and collection of the 911 fee; directing the fee to be applied to all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service; establishing a credit in a certain amount against the proceeds of the 911 fee to be remitted by telephone companies to cover the expenses of billing, collecting and remitting the 911 fee and any additional charges; providing for the allocation of the fee and charges collected into certain accounts and of the moneys in the 911 Trust Fund as of a certain date; authorizing the Emergency Number Systems Board to coordinate the installation and enhancement of 911 emergency telephone systems and to audit expenditures by the counties for the operation and maintenance of 911 emergency telephone systems; providing for the disposition of the interest earned on the moneys in the 911 Trust Fund; eliminating a provision for the termination of the Emergency Number Systems Board; providing for terms of office of members of the Emergency Number Systems Board; altering the requirement that the Board hold meetings at stated intervals; imposing certain restrictions on the expenditure of trust funds for operation ~~and--maintenance~~, maintenance, and personnel costs; eliminating certain limits on trust funds available for the installation or reimbursement of the costs of 911 emergency telephone systems; defining certain terms and clarifying and eliminating certain obsolete language pertaining to 911 emergency telephone systems; and generally providing for the installation, enhancement, operation, and maintenance of 911 emergency telephone systems in this State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,