

Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

Bill Summary

Bill Number: H2576

Name: An Act to establish a prepaid wireless E911 surcharge

Sponsor(s): Representative Michael S. Chaisson

Hearing Date: 15th October, 2025 at 1PM in A2

Prior History: Favorable

Summary:

Section 1: This bill proposes to amend Subsection (a) of Section 18H of Chapter 6A of the General Laws as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition by revising the method for collecting the E911 surcharge on prepaid wireless services. It removes the requirement for the Department of Telecommunications and Cable to develop regulations and instead places the responsibility directly on sellers of prepaid wireless services. Sellers must now collect the surcharge at the point of sale on each retail transaction within the Commonwealth and remit those funds to the Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue is required to promulgate regulations within 60 days to govern reporting, remittance, and enforcement. Importantly, the surcharge collected is excluded from the taxable base for any other state or intergovernmental taxes or fees.

Section 2: Regulations promulgated under section 1 shall take effect on July 1, 2025.