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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 100

Short Title: ENHANCED 911 SURCHARGES

Summary:

- Increases the current E-911 surcharge caps from 50 cents and 75 cents to a statewide cap of \$1.50, and allows an increase above the cap by ordinance approved by the voters of the E-911 service area.
- Requires parity in surcharge amount applied to wireless and wireline telephones.
- Requires notification by the municipality when the surcharge is assessed and changed.
- Defines appropriate use of the E-911 surcharge revenue.
- Requires E-911 providers to execute an agreement addressing the duties and responsibilities of each entity and establishing how E-911 funds will be allocated.
- Provides municipalities with a mechanism to implement E-911 for multi-line telecommunications systems.
- Removes statute that changes the surcharge caps based on the population of a municipality.
- Applies to home rule and general law municipalities.

Benefits:

- Provides municipalities with the revenue they need to implement and maintain E-911 systems.

Background:

- Enhanced 911 systems have been dramatically improving public safety across the nation. Among other benefits, the new technology uses GPS systems to track an individual's location and phone number where he or she calls from. The new systems are saving lives by saving time. Currently, the 50 cent and 75 cent surcharge cap insufficiently funds E-911 systems. This bill allows municipalities across the state to collect the revenue they need to implement and maintain this public safety tool.