

By the Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Senator Hays

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to emergency communication systems;
3 amending s. 365.172, F.S.; extending the date for
4 which the E911 fee may not be collected for prepaid
5 calling arrangements and from prepaid wireless service
6 providers; providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section
11 365.172, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 365.172 Emergency communications number "E911."—

13 (8) E911 FEE.—

14 (a) Each voice communications services provider shall
15 collect the fee described in this subsection. Each provider, as
16 part of its monthly billing process, shall bill the fee as
17 follows. The fee may ~~shall~~ not be assessed on any pay telephone
18 in the state.

19 1. Each voice communications service provider other than a
20 wireless provider shall bill the fee to a subscriber based on
21 the number of access lines having access to the E911 system, on
22 a service-identifier basis, up to a maximum of 25 access lines
23 per account bill rendered.

24 2. Each voice communications service provider other than a
25 wireless provider shall bill the fee to a subscriber on a basis
26 of five service-identified access lines for each digital
27 transmission link, including primary rate interface service or
28 equivalent Digital-Signal-1-level service, which can be
29 channelized and split into 23 or 24 voice-grade or data-grade

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30 channels for communications, up to a maximum of 25 access lines
31 per account bill rendered.

32 3. Except in the case of prepaid wireless service, each
33 wireless provider shall bill the fee to a subscriber on a per-
34 service-identifier basis for service identifiers whose primary
35 place of use is within this state. Before July 1, 2015 ~~2013~~, the
36 fee may ~~shall~~ not be assessed on or collected from a provider
37 with respect to an end user's service if that end user's service
38 is a prepaid calling arrangement that is subject to s.
39 212.05(1)(e).

40 a. An E911 fee may ~~shall~~ not be collected from the sale of
41 prepaid wireless service before July 1, 2015 ~~2013~~.

42 b. For purposes of this section, the term:

43 (I) "Prepaid wireless service" means the right to access
44 telecommunications services, which must be paid for in advance
45 and sold in predetermined units or dollars enabling the
46 originator to make calls such that the number of units or
47 dollars declines with use in a known amount.

48 (II) "Prepaid wireless service providers" includes those
49 persons who sell prepaid wireless service regardless of its
50 form, as a retailer or reseller.

51 4. The voice communications services providers not
52 addressed under subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3. shall bill the fee
53 on a per-service-identifier basis for service identifiers whose
54 primary place of use is within the state up to a maximum of 25
55 service identifiers for each account bill rendered.

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57 The provider may list the fee as a separate entry on each bill,
58 in which case the fee must be identified as a fee for E911

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59 services. A provider shall remit the fee to the board only if
60 the fee is paid by the subscriber. If a provider receives a
61 partial payment for a monthly bill from a subscriber, the amount
62 received shall first be applied to the payment due the provider
63 for providing voice communications service.

64 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.