



**Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001
Committee Statement
LB 585**

Hearing Date: 02/06/01

Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications

Introducers: (Engel, Bromm, Connealy, Kremer, D. Pederson, Schrock)

Title: Provide for enhanced wireless 911 service and establish a surcharge on wireless service subscribers

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
- X Advanced to General File with Amendments
- Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

8	Yes	Senators Jones, Baker, Robak, Dw. Pedersen, Byars, Hudkins, Brown and Bromm
	No	
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Pat Engel
 Bill McLarty
 Beth Bazyn-Ferrell
 Julie Righter
 Joe Schuele
 Larry Ruth
 Gary Krumland
 John Goc
 Kent Popken
 Gerald Stilmock

 R. A. Skochdopole

Representing:

17th District
 City of South Sioux City
 Nebraska Association of County Officials
 Lincoln 911
 Alltel
 Western Wireless Corporation
 League of Nebraska Municipalities
 Nebraska Independent Telephone Association
 Qwest
 Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighter's Association
 Verizon

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Barry Counts
 Anne Boyle
 Mark Conrey

Representing:

Sprint
 Public Service Commission
 Douglas County 911

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Wireless carriers beginning July 1, 2001 shall collect a fifty-cent surcharge. The bill states that the money collected by the Division of Administrative Services is to be remitted to the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund.

An advisory board is created of gubernatorial appointments to include a sheriff, two county officials, two city officials, two representatives of the wireless telecommunications industry, one manager of a PSAP not employed by a sheriff, and one representative of the states local telephone companies. They will have staggered, three-year terms.

The advisory board shall make recommendations to the division pertaining to the allocation of funds, the promulgation of rules and regulations, adjustments to the surcharge, and resolution of disputes between PSAPs and carriers.

Authorizes the division, in consultation with the advisory board to:

- A determine the cost to implement ALI
- B determine the level of funding to trigger disbursements
- C determine the percentage of the fund allocated to each funding purpose
- D determine how funds are allocated among the PSAPs and the carriers

Certain purposes shall be eligible for funding:

- A Costs to carriers for implementation of E911
- B Costs incurred by PSAPs to implement E911
- C Expenses of the advisory board

The division shall have any powers necessary to carry out the act.

Provides for reimbursement to the PSAPs and carriers for costs determined by the division to be eligible for funding, and provides for an application process.

Excepts information provided by carriers under this act from public record.

An authorization to provide E911 service, as well as an immunity clause for political agencies and subdivisions from liability for installing, maintaining or providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

The division shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this act.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

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The amendment changes the administering and regulatory agency to the Public Service Commission, instead of the Division of Administrative Services. An ex-officio position on the Advisory Board is created for the Division of Administrative Services.

Senator Curt Bromm, Chairperson