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HOUSE BILL 554

Short Title: Expand Permitted Uses of 911 Funds. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives McLawhorn; Warren, C. Johnson, and Church.

Referred to: Public Utilities.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT EXPANDING PERMITTED USES OF 911 FUNDS IN PITT COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 62A-4(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Subject to the provisions of subsections (b) through (d) of this section the governing authority of any local government is authorized to adopt an ordinance to impose a monthly 911 charge in an amount not to exceed two dollars (\$2.00) upon each exchange access facility subscribed to by telephone subscribers whose exchange access lines are in the area served or which would be served by the 911 service. The 911 charge must be uniform and may not vary according to the type of exchange access facility used."

SECTION 2. G.S. 62A-8 reads as rewritten:

"§ 62A-8. Payments from Fund.

(a) Money from the Emergency Telephone System Fund shall be used only to pay for:

- (1) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of emergency telephone equipment, including necessary computer hardware, software and database provisioning, mobile or portable radio receivers and transmitters, base stations, communications towers, and other equipment necessary for interconnectivity between public safety agencies; addressing, addressing; and nonrecurring costs of establishing a 911 system, and system.
- (2) The rates associated with the service supplier's 911 service and other service supplier recurring charges.
- (3) The training of telecommunication dispatchers.

(b) The following expenses are not eligible for payment from the Fund: the lease or purchase of real estate, cosmetic remodeling of emergency dispatch centers, ~~hiring,~~ training, hiring and compensating dispatchers, and the purchase of mobile communications vehicles, ambulances, fire engines, or other emergency vehicles.

1 (c) A local government may contract with a service supplier for any term
2 negotiated by the service supplier and the local government and may make payments
3 from the Emergency Telephone System Fund to provide any payments required by the
4 contract."

5 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to Pitt County only.

6 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003, and applies to charges
7 billed on or after that date.