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SENATE BILL NO. 366-COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF WASHOE COUNTY)

MARCH 11, 1999

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Amends prospective expiration of certain provisions concerning surcharge on telephone services in certain counties to enhance 911 system in those counties. (BDR 20-550)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the telephone services; repealing the prospective expiration of certain provisions concerning the surcharge on telephone services in certain counties for the enhancement of the telephone systems for reporting emergencies in those counties; amending the prospective expiration of certain provisions concerning the surcharge on mobile telephone services in certain counties for the enhancement of the telephone systems for reporting emergencies in those counties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 244A.7643 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 244A.7643 1. The board of county commissioners in a county whose

3 population is more than 100,000 but less than 400,000 may, by ordinance,

4 impose a surcharge on [:

5 (a) Each each access line or trunk line of each customer to the local

6 exchange of any telephone company providing those lines in the county [;

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8 (b) The mobile telephone service provided to each customer of that

service who resides in the county,] for the enhancement of the telephone

10 system for reporting an emergency in the county.

2. The surcharge imposed by a board of county commissioners

12 pursuant to subsection 1:

- (a) For each access line to the local exchange of a telephone company, must not exceed 25 cents each month; and
- (b) For each trunk line to the local exchange of a telephone company, must equal 10 times the amount of the surcharge imposed for each access line to the local exchange of a telephone company pursuant to paragraph (a) . F; and
- (c) For each telephone number assigned to a customer by a supplier of mobile telephone service, must equal the amount of the surcharge imposed for each access line to the local exchange of a telephone company pursuant to paragraph (a).]

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- A telephone company which provides access lines or trunk lines in a county which imposes a surcharge pursuant to this section for a supplier which provides mobile telephone service to a customer in such a county,] shall collect the surcharge from its customers each month. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 244A.7647, the telephone company for supplier shall remit the surcharge it collects to the treasurer of the county where the surcharge is imposed not later than the 15th day of the month after the month it receives payment of the surcharge from its customers.
- An ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection 1 may include a schedule of penalties for the delinquent payment of amounts due from telephone companies [or suppliers] pursuant to this section. Such a schedule:
- (a) Must provide for a grace period of not less than 90 days after the date on which the telephone company [or supplier] must otherwise remit the surcharge to the county treasurer; and
- (b) Must not provide for a penalty that exceeds 5 percent of the cumulative amount of surcharges owed by a telephone company. for a supplier.
- 5. As used in this section, "trunk line" means a line which provides a channel between a switchboard owned by a customer of a telephone company and the local exchange of the telephone company.
- **Sec. 2.** NRS 244A.7647 is hereby amended to read as follows: 32 244A.7647 A telephone company [or supplier] which collects the 34 surcharge imposed pursuant to NRS 244A.7643 is entitled to retain an amount of the surcharge collected which is equal to the cost to collect the surcharge. 36
 - **Sec. 3.** Section 6 of chapter 427, Statutes of Nevada 1995, at page 1057, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 6. This act becomes effective on January 1, 1996. [, and expires by limitation on December 31, 1999.
 - **Sec. 4.** NRS 244A.7641 is hereby repealed.
- 42 **Sec. 5.** 1. This section and section 3 of this act become effective on passage and approval.

- Sections 1, 2 and 4 of this act become effective on the earlier of the two following dates:
 - (a) December 31, 2001; or

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- (b) The date the board of county commissioners that has imposed a surcharge pursuant to NRS 244A.7643 notifies the director of the legislative counsel bureau that the advisory committee established in that county pursuant to NRS 244A.7645 has enhanced the telephone system for reporting an emergency in that county in such a manner that when a person reports an emergency by placing a call on a mobile telephone, the:
 - (1) Identification of the person who pays for that mobile telephone service; and
- (2) Location of the antenna that receives and transmits that call, are transmitted to the location that has been designated to receive calls that report an emergency and to route them to the appropriate personnel for the provision of emergency services.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

244A.7641 Definitions. [Expires by limitation on December 31, **1999.**] As used in NRS 244A.7641 to 244A.7647, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, "mobile telephone service" and "supplier" have the meanings ascribed to them in NRS 205.505.