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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 9, 1990 (P.L.340, No.78), entitled "An  
2 act providing for a Statewide emergency telephone number 911  
3 system; providing for contributions from telephone  
4 subscribers; providing a penalty; and making a repeal,"  
5 providing for contribution rate in counties of the fourth  
6 class.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The definition of "contribution rate" in section  
10 2 of the act of July 9, 1990 (P.L.340, No.78), known as the  
11 Public Safety Emergency Telephone Act, is amended to read:

12 Section 2. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
14 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
15 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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17 "Contribution rate." A fee assessed against a telephone  
18 subscriber for the nonrecurring costs, maintenance and operating  
19 costs of a 911 system. Counties of the first through second

1 class A may impose a monthly contribution rate in an amount not  
2 to exceed \$1 per line on each local exchange access line.  
3 Counties of the third through fifth class may impose monthly  
4 contribution rates in an amount not to exceed \$1.25 per line on  
5 each local exchange access line. Counties of the fourth class  
6 with populations between 175,000 and 195,000 persons shall  
7 impose any monthly contribution rates on residentially zoned  
8 customers on a per-household basis in an amount not to exceed  
9 \$1.50 per household served. Counties of the sixth through eighth  
10 class may impose a monthly contribution rate in an amount not to  
11 exceed \$1.50 per line on each local exchange access line. The  
12 contribution rate may be used by counties for the expenses of  
13 implementing, expanding or upgrading a 911 system. Expenses  
14 eligible for reimbursement through the contribution rate shall  
15 include telephone terminal equipment, trunk line service  
16 installation, network changes, building of initial data base and  
17 any other nonrecurring costs to establish a 911 system. The  
18 contribution rate may also be used to fund recurring costs  
19 pursuant to section 8(b). Expenses not eligible for  
20 reimbursement through the contribution rate shall include  
21 purchase of real estate, cosmetic remodeling, central office  
22 upgrades, hiring and training of dispatchers, mobile  
23 communications equipment, ambulances, fire engines or other  
24 emergency vehicles, utilities, taxes and other expenses as  
25 determined by the Department of Community Affairs.

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27 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.