SUMMARY: House Bill 2275, Printer’s Number 3723, amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) by extending the wireless 911 surcharge sunset date to June 30, 2015.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Sections 5311.4(h) and 5398 of Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. The revised Section 5311.4. Wireless E-911 Emergency Services Fund subsection (h) lists the surcharge sunset, stating that “the wireless E-911 surcharge fee established in subsections (b) and (b.1) shall terminate on June 30, [2014] 2015, unless extended by an act of the General Assembly.”

Section 5398 addresses termination of the chapter, i.e. the sunset date of the fee surcharge, and is amended to extend the date from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

This shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this bill will reauthorize the collection of the $1.00 wireless 911 surcharge for another year by extending the sunset date from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2015. This will allow for these revenues to continue to be deposited into the Wireless E-911 Emergency Services Fund.

Extending the sunset another year until will ensure the fund will receive approximately $116 million in revenue for FY 2014-15. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, which manages the fund and administers the program, will continue to issue county grants for an additional year to county and regional 911 centers, i.e. public safety answering points.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.