



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1304

PRINTER'S NO. 1426

PRIME SPONSOR: Solomon

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	\$0	\$0
911 Fund	\$0	\$30.4 million

### SUMMARY:

Increases the Uniform 911 surcharge from \$1.65 to \$1.97, indexes the surcharge to inflation, and extends the sunset date to 2029.

### ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1304 Printer's Number 1426 amends Section 5306.2 (Uniform 911 Surcharge) of Title 35 (Health and Safety) Chapter 53 (911 Communication Services) to increase the uniform 911 surcharge from \$1.65 to \$1.97 and annually adjusts the surcharge for upward percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). The increased surcharge would take effect January 2024.

The legislation also extends the surcharge's sunset date to January 31, 2029.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The 911 surcharge is used to fund the 911 services in the Commonwealth. As required by Act 12, no less than 83% of the surcharge revenue collected quarterly is distributed to Pennsylvania Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) using a formula-based calculation. 15% of the revenue is used by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) for statewide interconnectivity projects. Up to 2% of the surcharge revenue collected may be retained by PEMA for expenses directly related to administering the provisions of Act 12.

In FY 2021/22, \$327 million was generated by the 911 surcharge. The Governor's Budget Office estimates that \$331 million will be generated in FY 2022/23. If the surcharge were to remain at \$1.65, approximately \$335 million would be generated in FY 2023/24. The proposed surcharge increase would take effect on January 1, 2024 and would generate an estimated additional \$30.4 million. This assumes a 1% growth in assessed wireless and wireline transactions from 2022/23.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Universal 911 Surcharge	\$1.65	\$1.65	\$1.65/\$1.97
Baseline - Existing 911 Surcharge Revenue	\$327,085,103	\$331,302,000	\$334,615,000
Increased 911 Surcharge Revenue			\$365,035,000
Difference			\$30,420,000

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