



153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FEE IMPACT

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 468
SPONSOR: Representative Bush
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EMERGENCY SERVICES.

In accordance with 29 Del. C. §913, the following information is provided relating to licenses and fees.

Description of the Legislation:

This Act increases the monthly 911 surcharge from \$0.60 to \$0.90 beginning October 1, 2026, and provides for automatic monthly surcharge increases of \$0.10 every two years thereafter, up to a maximum surcharge of \$2.00 per month.

Affected Entities:

The monthly surcharge is imposed on all subscribers to residential telephone service, business telephone service, wireless service, and nontraditional communications services. Telecommunications providers will continue to collect the surcharge from subscribers and remit collections to the 911 System Fund.

Affected entities include the Department of Safety and Homeland Security (DSHS), Department of Technology and Information (DTI), Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), telecommunications providers, and subscribers of covered communications services.

Fiscal Impact:

The current 911 surcharge is \$0.60 per month, resulting in an annual collection of \$7.20 per subscriber. Beginning October 1, 2026, the surcharge will increase to \$0.90 per month, resulting in an annual collection of \$10.80 per subscriber. The Act further authorizes automatic increases of \$0.10 every two years thereafter, up to a maximum surcharge of \$2.00 per month, resulting in a maximum annual collection of \$24.00 per subscriber.

There are approximately 1,250,000 billable connections statewide across all covered service types, though the actual number of subscribers fluctuates. The 911 surcharge currently generates approximately \$9,000,000 annually. Assuming subscriber counts remain relatively stable, additional revenues are estimated as follows:

Fiscal Year 2027:	\$3,375,000
Fiscal Year 2028:	\$4,500,000
Fiscal Year 2029:	\$5,625,000

Intended Use of Revenue:

Revenue generated through the surcharge will be deposited into the 911 System Fund. Pursuant to the Act, Fund revenues may be used to support the administration, operation, maintenance, upgrade, and enhancement of Delaware's statewide 911 system, including PSAP operations, equipment, software, telecommunications infrastructure, training, public education, cybersecurity, language translation services, contractual obligations, and administrative expenses of the 911 System Service Board and the DSHS.

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