

## 9-1-1

### LEGISLATOR NOTICE

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### Background Materials and Research

**Topic Summary:** In Montana, a \$1 surcharge is levied on all telephone lines to fund 9-1-1. The 2017 Legislature made significant changes to Montana's 9-1-1 program, passing and approving House Bill No. 61. The bill established a new 9-1-1 advisory council and its duties. It also established the Department of Administration's 9-1-1 duties and rulemaking authority. The State of Montana 9-1-1 Program assists local governments in the development of 9-1-1 emergency systems throughout the state. The program manages the quarterly allocation and distribution of state 9-1-1 revenues and monitors use of the funding by local governments and wireless service providers. The new annual 9-1-1 grant program (beginning in state fiscal year 2019) is a state-funded program created by the 2017 Legislature. The program's legislative purpose is to support the implementation, operation, and maintenance of 9-1-1 systems, equipment, devices, and data.

#### Legislative Services Division Materials:

[Next Generation 9-1-1 Montana Efforts to Move Forward](#)

[Montana's 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System](#) – Performance Audit 2007

#### Other Materials:

[Public Safety Communications](#) – Montana SITSD

[State of Montana 9-1-1 Program](#) – Montana SITSD

[Next Generation 9-1-1 in Montana Time to Plan](#) – Montana State Library

## Introduced Legislation

\*Chapter number assigned means bill was passed and approved.

2017

[House Bill No. 61](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING 9-1-1 LAWS; ESTABLISHING A 9-1-1 ADVISORY COUNCIL; ESTABLISHING 9-1-1 ADVISORY COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION DUTIES FOR 9-1-1 SYSTEMS AND SERVICES; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; CLARIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND 9-1-1 DISTRICT ROLES; LIMITING PROVIDERS' LIABILITY; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; UPDATING TERMS TO INCLUDE NEXT-GENERATION 9-1-1; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF 9-1-1 FEES; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO UPDATE THE ALLOCATION OF 9-1-1 FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECENNIAL CENSUS; ESTABLISHING ACCOUNTS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF 9-1-1 FUNDS; REQUIRING THAT CERTAIN FEES COLLECTED FOR 9-1-1 SERVICES BE REALLOCATED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; ESTABLISHING A REALLOCATION PROCESS; ESTABLISHING A NEXT-GENERATION 9-1-1 INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNT; CREATING A NEXT-GENERATION 9-1-1 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM; PROVIDING CRITERIA TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR AWARDED NEXT-GENERATION 9-1-1 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS; ESTABLISHING A 9-1-1 GIS MAPPING ACCOUNT; REQUIRING THE STATE LIBRARY TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR A GIS ASSESSMENT; ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE 9-1-1 PLANNING ACCOUNT; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO DEVELOP A STATEWIDE 9-1-1 PLAN; ESTABLISHING A PRIVATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT 9-1-1 GRANT PROGRAM; PROVIDING PRIORITIES AND CRITERIA FOR THE 9-1-1 GRANT PROGRAM; TRANSFERRING FUNDS; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 10-4-101, 10-4-103, 10-4-201, 10-4-204, 10-4-301, 10-4-302, 10-4-313, AND 17-7-502, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 10-4-102, 10-4-104, 10-4-111, 10-4-112, 10-4-113, 10-4-114, 10-4-115, 10-4-121, 10-4-125, 10-4-126, 10-4-301, 10-4-302, 10-4-303, 10-4-311, 10-4-312, AND 10-4-313, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[House Bill No. 604](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS LAWS; ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ACT; ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; ESTABLISHING PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE SYSTEM AND ADMINISTRATION BY THE DEPARTMENT; ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL; ALLOWING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL; ADMINISTRATIVELY ATTACHING THE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; ESTABLISHING THE DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL; ESTABLISHING THE DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT, MAINTAIN, AND SUSTAIN A STATEWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM; ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH RATES OR CHARGES FOR STATEWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM SERVICES; ALLOWING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES RELATED TO A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM; REQUIRING REPORTING TO THE LAW AND JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE AND LEGISLATURE; ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ACCOUNT; PROVIDING A FIRSTNET EXEMPTION; GRANTING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

## 2015

[House Bill No. 112](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT EXTENDING THE SUNSET ON WIRELESS 9-1-1 FUNDING FOR LESS-POPULATED COUNTIES; AMENDING SECTION 10-4-313, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Joint Resolution No. 7](#) – Filed with Secretary of State -- A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF NEXT-GENERATION 9-1-1 IN MONTANA.

## 2013

[House Bill No. 575](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING 9-1-1 LAWS; REVISING DEFINITIONS; REQUIRING THAT FEES COLLECTED FOR WIRELESS ENHANCED 9-1-1 SERVICES BE REALLOCATED TO WIRELESS 9-1-1 JURISDICTIONS AND WIRELESS PROVIDERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; ESTABLISHING A REALLOCATION PROCESS; AMENDING SECTIONS 10-4-101 AND 10-4-313, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 509](#) – Veto Override Failed in Legislature -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING 9-1-1 FEES; ESTABLISHING HOW 9-1-1 FEES ARE IMPOSED ON PREPAID WIRELESS SERVICES; ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR THE COLLECTION OF PREPAID WIRELESS 9-1-1 FEES; ALLOWING A SELLER OF PREPAID WIRELESS SERVICES TO DEDUCT AND RETAIN A PORTION OF THE FEES; DETERMINING HOW PREPAID WIRELESS 9-1-1 FEES ARE APPLIED TO THE BUDGET OF THE 9-1-1 PROGRAM; LIMITING LIABILITY FOR SELLERS THAT ENGAGE IN PREPAID WIRELESS TRANSACTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 10-4-101, 10-4-201, 10-4-203, 10-4-204, 10-4-205, 10-4-211, 10-4-212, 10-4-301, AND 10-4-313, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.

## 2011

[House Bill No. 22](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT EXTENDING THE SUNSET ON WIRELESS 9-1-1 FUNDING FOR LESS-POPULATED COUNTIES; AMENDING SECTION 10-4-313, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Joint Resolution No. 3](#) – (H) Died in Process -- A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF FUNDING OPTIONS FOR THE STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

## 2009

[House Bill No. 82](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR 9-1-1 PURPOSES; REDUCING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF 9-1-1 LAWS; AMENDING SECTION 10-4-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 118](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE DISTRIBUTION OF WIRELESS 9-1-1 FUNDS AMONG COUNTIES; REQUIRING LOCAL 9-1-1 JURISDICTIONS TO PROVIDE PROGRAM INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 10-4-102, 10-4-302, AND 10-4-313, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

