

HB

249

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To: Representative Kurt Olson
Representative Bill Thomas
Co-Chairman, Community and Regional Affairs Committee

From: Representative Mike Hawker

Date: April 6, 2005

Re: House Bill 249

I request that House Bill 249, which would provide a mechanism for municipalities to fund enhanced 911 systems, to be scheduled at your earliest convenience.

E-911 systems have dramatically improved nationwide emergency response capabilities by utilizing Global Positioning System (GPS) technology to identify the telephone number and location of the caller. E-911 systems direct calls to the appropriate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and automatically provide identifying information to the answering operator. Automatic location notification is critical when a caller is incapacitated or disoriented.

Current statutory caps on the amount municipalities may surcharge telephone services to pay for 911 systems have limited Alaskan communities to Basic 911 services that lack the important technological improvements of E-911. House Bill 249 provides the authority municipalities need to provide E-911 services within constraining parameters to protect their taxpayers.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information. You may also contact my legislative aide, Juli Lucky.

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House Bill 249 Sponsor Statement

"An Act relating to enhanced 911 surcharges imposed by a municipality."

House Bill 249 is simply about saving lives. The "dial 911" emergency services dispatch system is every Alaskan's lifeline. Access to a modern 911 system can be the difference between life and death. HB 249 authorizes the funding mechanisms municipalities need to deliver Enhanced 911 (E-911) services. HB 249 also incorporates limitations protecting taxpayers from excessive charges.

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I appreciate your consideration of this important public safety legislation.

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FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: HB249-DPS-ASTD-4-08-05
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Public Safety
 Title "An Act relating to enhanced 911 surcharges RDU Alaska State Troopers
imposed by a municipality." Component AST Detachments
 Sponsor Representative Hawker
 Requester House Community & Regional Affairs Component No. 2325

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Passage of this bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Public Safety.

The bill allows municipalities to increase the surcharge that is collected related to the enhanced 911 systems. The bill would require that the surcharge be imposed by ordinance approved by the voters of the enhanced 911 service area.

Prepared by: Lieutenant Todd Sharp Phone 907-465-3223
 Division: Alaska State Troopers Date/Time 4/8/05 2:40 PM
 Approved by: Commissioner William Tandeske Date 4/8/2005
 Agency: Department of Public Safety

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 249(CRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HAWKER, Holm, Olson, Lynn

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to enhanced 911 surcharges imposed by a municipality."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 *** Section 1.** AS 29.35.131(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) A municipality may, by resolution or ordinance, elect to provide an
5 enhanced 911 system at public safety answering points and [,] may purchase or lease
6 the enhanced 911 equipment or service required to establish or maintain an enhanced
7 911 system at public safety answering points from a local exchange telephone
8 company or other qualified vendor. The municipality [, AND] may impose an
9 enhanced 911 surcharge [, IN AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE
10 MUNICIPALITY,] on all local exchange access lines that provide telephone service to
11 wireline telephones in the area to be served by the enhanced 911 system and [. A
12 MUNICIPALITY THAT PROVIDES SERVICES UNDER AN ENHANCED 911
13 SYSTEM MAY ALSO BY RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE IMPOSE AN
14 ENHANCED 911 SURCHARGE] on each wireless telephone number that is billed to
15 an address within the enhanced 911 service area. An [FOR A MUNICIPALITY

1 WITH A POPULATION OF 100,000 OR MORE, AN ENHANCED 911
2 SURCHARGE MAY NOT EXCEED 50 CENTS PER MONTH FOR EACH
3 WIRELESS TELEPHONE NUMBER OR 50 CENTS PER MONTH FOR EACH
4 LOCAL EXCHANGE ACCESS LINE FOR WIRELINE TELEPHONES. FOR A
5 MUNICIPALITY WITH FEWER THAN 100,000 PEOPLE, AN] enhanced 911
6 surcharge may not exceed \$2 [75 CENTS] per month for each wireless telephone
7 number and \$2 [OR 75 CENTS] per month for each local exchange access line for
8 wireline telephones unless the surcharge is imposed by ordinance approved by the
9 voters of the enhanced 911 service area. The amount of surcharge imposed for
10 each wireless telephone number must equal the amount imposed for each local
11 exchange access line for wireline telephones. An enhanced 911 service area may be
12 all of a city, all of a unified municipality, or all or part of the area within a borough
13 and may include the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality in accordance with
14 AS 29.35.020. The governing body of a municipality shall review an enhanced 911
15 surcharge annually to determine whether the current level of the surcharge is adequate,
16 excessive, or insufficient to meet anticipated enhanced 911 system needs. The
17 municipality may only use the enhanced 911 surcharge for the enhanced 911 system.
18 A borough that imposes an enhanced 911 surcharge must share revenue from the
19 surcharge with each city in the enhanced 911 service area that incurs costs for the
20 enhanced 911 system.

*Kodiak & Kodiak Borough
have agreement!*