

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Olympia, Washington

Bill Analysis

Bill No. SB 5806

Requirement that general adopt rules relating to automatic identification.

Brief title

Hearing Date 3/23/99

Senator Hauger, Hochstadt and Horn.

Sponsor(s)

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BACKGROUND:

Each county, in combination with other counties, has established an enhanced emergency communication system that uses an immediate display called identification and location. The enhanced 911 emergency communication systems funded by county taxes imposed on each switch access at a rate not to exceed 50 cents per month and each radio access line in an amount not to exceed 50 cents per month.

The state also imposes a tax at a current rate of 10 cents per month for each switch access. Receipts from the state tax are used to help implement and operate enhanced 911 systems statewide, including provision of temporary salary assistance for up to three years in any county or group of counties with a population of less than 75,000.

The State Enhanced 911 Coordinating Office created the emergency management division of the military department to coordinate and facilitate the implementation and operation of an enhanced 911 emergency communication system throughout the state.

Some of the duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) have been transferred to other agencies over the years. Separate legislation enacted in 1995 transferred DCED's fire protection duties to the state patrol and transferred DCED's emergency management duties to the military department. One of the statutes relating to fire protection duties transferred to the military department contains a reference about commendations made to the director of DCED on minimum information requirements for enhanced emergency services via automatic identification. However, these enhanced emergency services responsibilities were transferred to the military department.

SUMMARY:

The Adjutant General is authorized to adopt rules minimum information requirements for automatic identification of enhanced emergency services. The rules shall permit fire chiefs or other persons designated by counties to take local circumstances into consideration when a 911 call is made from a facility within the service areas.

A statute is currently in effect which directs the State Patrol to make recommendations to the Adjutant General, rather than the Director of CTED on minimum information requirements for enhanced emergency services automatic identification.

FISCANOTE: Not requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after adjournment of session which bill passed.