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H.B. No. 1771

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to use of certain 9-1-1 fees and surcharges in certain counties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 771.075, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 771.075. USE OF REVENUE. Except as provided by Section 771.0751, 771.072(e), 771.072(f), or 771.073(e), fees and surcharges collected under this subchapter may be used only for planning, development, provision, and enhancement of the effectiveness of 9-1-1 service as approved by the commission.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 771, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 771.0751 to read as follows:

Sec. 771.0751. USE OF REVENUE IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to the use of fees and surcharges collected under this subchapter in a county subject to this subchapter with a population of at least 700,000.

(b) In addition to the use authorized or required by Section 771.072(e) or (f), 771.073(e), or 771.075, fees and surcharges collected under this subchapter may be used for any costs considered necessary by the commission and attributable to:

(1) designing a 9-1-1 system; or
(2) obtaining and maintaining equipment and personnel necessary to establish and operate:

1 (A) a public safety answering point and related
2 operations; or
3 (B) other related answering points and
4 operations.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.