

1-1 By: Keel, Baxter (Senate Sponsor - Wentworth) H.B. No. 1771
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2003;
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 16, 2003, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 16, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to use of certain 9-1-1 fees and surcharges in certain
1-9 counties.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 771.075, Health and Safety Code, is
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 771.075. USE OF REVENUE. Except as provided by Section
1-14 771.0751, 771.072(e), 771.072(f), or 771.073(e), fees and
1-15 surcharges collected under this subchapter may be used only for
1-16 planning, development, provision, and enhancement of the
1-17 effectiveness of 9-1-1 service as approved by the commission.

1-18 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 771, Health and Safety
1-19 Code, is amended by adding Section 771.0751 to read as follows:

1-20 Sec. 771.0751. USE OF REVENUE IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) This
1-21 section applies only to the use of fees and surcharges collected
1-22 under this subchapter in a county subject to this subchapter with a
1-23 population of at least 700,000.

1-24 (b) In addition to the use authorized or required by Section
1-25 771.072(e) or (f), 771.073(e), or 771.075, fees and surcharges
1-26 collected under this subchapter may be used for any costs
1-27 considered necessary by the commission and attributable to:

1-28 (1) designing a 9-1-1 system; or
1-29 (2) obtaining and maintaining equipment and personnel
1-30 necessary to establish and operate:

1-31 (A) a public safety answering point and related
1-32 operations; or

1-33 (B) other related answering points and
1-34 operations.

1-35 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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