

## EMERGENCY PHONE SERVICE SUNSET

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### Senate Bill 1172

**Sponsor: Sen. Cameron S. Brown**

**House Committee: Energy and Technology**

**Senate Committee: Technology and Energy**

**Complete to 5-30-06**

### A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 1172 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON 5-11-06

The Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act was first enacted in 1986 to support the statewide development of a 9-1-1 emergency phone system and to provide funding for the system through surcharges on telephone bills. The act was amended in 1999 to incorporate wireless (cell) phones into the system. Senate Bill 1172 would amend the act to do the following.

- The entire act is scheduled to be repealed December 31, 2006. The bill would delay the act's sunset until December 31, 2007.
- A separate December 31, 2006 sunset on the emergency telephone technical charges and operational charges imposed on landline phones would also be struck from the act, thus keeping these charges in place beyond that date.
- The State 9-1-1 Director would be required to issue a report to the Legislature and Governor by December 1, 2006, making recommendations for stable, equitable long-term funding of the state's 9-1-1 system, as well as recommendations for the establishment of standards for the training and response time of 9-1-1 personnel.
- The report cited above would also have to contain a recommendation that any 9-1-1 fees collected from communications providers be assessed in a "competitively neutral manner."

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would keep the current act and 9-1-1 funding system in place through 2007.

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