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SENATE BILL 776

Short Title: Prepaid Wireless/Service Charges.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Dannelly.

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING THE SERVICE CHARGE FOR PREPAID WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE AND ALLOWING RETAIL VENDORS OF PREPAID WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE TO COLLECT THE SERVICE CHARGES AND REMIT THE AMOUNTS TO THE 911 BOARD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 62A-43 reads as rewritten:

"§ 62A-43. **Service charge for 911 service.**

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(b) Prepaid Wireless. – ~~A voice communications service provider of prepaid wireless telephone service must collect and remit to the 911 Board the monthly service charge imposed upon prepaid wireless telephone subscribers in the State under one of the following methods:~~

(1) ~~Collecting the service charge from each active prepaid wireless telephone service subscriber whose account balance is equal to or greater than the amount of the service charge.~~

(2) ~~Dividing the provider's total earned prepaid wireless telephone service revenue received for the month from each active prepaid wireless telephone service subscriber by fifty dollars (\$50.00) and multiplying the quotient by the amount of the service charge.~~

The service charge for prepaid wireless telephone service shall be set at one percent (1%) of the retail purchase price of the prepaid wireless telephone service. The 911 Board may adjust the service charge for prepaid wireless telephone service in the manner provided in subsection (d) of this section. Any person or entity selling prepaid wireless telephone service at retail in this State, without regard to whether the prepaid wireless telephone service is represented by a card or other item of tangible personal property transferred by the vendor to the purchaser, shall collect from the subscriber at the retail point of sale the service charge provided for in this section.

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**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

