

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1946

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PREPAID WIRELESS
PUBLIC SAFETY CHARGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PREPAID
WIRELESS PUBLIC SAFETY CHARGES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-10-326(b)(1), concerning prepaid wireless public safety charges, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) For each retail transaction occurring in this state, a seller of prepaid wireless ~~services~~ service shall collect from the consumer a public safety charge equal to ~~ten~~:

(A) Ten percent (10%) of the value of the prepaid wireless service through December 31, 2022;

(B) Seven and five-tenths percent (7.5%) of the value of the prepaid wireless service beginning January 1, 2023; and

(C) Five percent (5%) of the value of the prepaid wireless service beginning January 1, 2024.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 19-5-1152(e), concerning the Arkansas Public Safety Trust Fund, is amended to read as follows:

(e)(1) On or before the fifteenth business day of July 2020 and on the fifteenth business day of each fiscal quarter thereafter, moneys in the fund shall be distributed as follows:

~~(1)~~(A) Up to sixty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$62,500)



to the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training; and

~~(2)(B)~~ Up to two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the division to support upgrades and maintenance for the Arkansas Wireless Information Network.

(2) The entities under subdivision (e)(1) of this section are subject to the decreased amount of collection under § 12-10-326(b)(1) on an equal basis.