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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy
04/16/2026 By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing the public safety radio and crime victims
1.3 account; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2024, sections 403.11, subdivisions 1, 1a; 403.113, subdivision 1; 403.161,
1.5 subdivisions 1, 3, 5, 6; 403.162, subdivisions 1, 5; proposing coding for new law
1.6 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 403.

1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 403.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Emergency telecommunications service fee; account.** (a) Each customer
1.10 of a wireless or wire-line switched or packet-based telecommunications service provider
1.11 connected to the public switched telephone network that furnishes service capable of
1.12 originating a 911 emergency telephone call is assessed a fee based upon the number of
1.13 wired or wireless telephone lines, or their equivalent, to cover the costs of ongoing
1.14 maintenance and related improvements for trunking and central office switching equipment
1.15 for 911 emergency telecommunications service, to offset administrative and staffing costs
1.16 of the commissioner related to managing the 911 emergency telecommunications service
1.17 program, to make distributions provided for in section 403.113, and to offset the costs,
1.18 including administrative and staffing costs, incurred by the State Patrol Division of the
1.19 Department of Public Safety in handling 911 emergency calls made from wireless phones.

1.20 (b) Each customer of a wireless or wire-line switched or packet-based telecommunications
1.21 service provider connected to the public switched telephone network that furnishes service
1.22 capable of originating a 911 emergency telephone call is assessed a fee based upon the
1.23 number of wired or wireless telephone lines, or their equivalent, to cover:

2.1 (1) the costs of portable radios, mobile radios, and related equipment that is interoperable
 2.2 with the statewide Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) public safety
 2.3 radio communication system established under section 403.36, subdivision 1e; and

2.4 (2) grants to crime victim service providers.

2.5 ~~(b)~~ (c) Money remaining in the 911 emergency telecommunications service account
 2.6 after all other obligations are paid must not cancel and is carried forward to subsequent
 2.7 years and may be appropriated from time to time to the commissioner to provide financial
 2.8 assistance to counties for the improvement of local emergency telecommunications services.

2.9 ~~(e)~~ (d) The fee imposed pursuant to paragraph (a) may not be more than 95 cents a month
 2.10 for each customer access line or other basic access service, including trunk equivalents as
 2.11 designated by the Public Utilities Commission for access charge purposes and including
 2.12 wireless telecommunications services. With the approval of the commissioner of management
 2.13 and budget, the commissioner of public safety ~~shall~~ must establish the amount of the fee
 2.14 within the limits specified and inform the companies and carriers of the amount to be
 2.15 collected. When the revenue bonds authorized under section 403.27, subdivision 1, have
 2.16 been fully paid or defeased, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must reduce the fee to reflect that debt
 2.17 service on the bonds is no longer needed. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must provide companies
 2.18 and carriers a minimum of 45 days' notice of each fee change. The fee must be the same
 2.19 for all customers, except that the fee imposed under this subdivision does not apply to
 2.20 prepaid wireless telecommunications service, which is instead subject to the fee imposed
 2.21 under section 403.161, subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

2.22 (e) The fee imposed pursuant to paragraph (b) must be 50 cents a month for each customer
 2.23 access line or other basic access service, including trunk equivalents as designated by the
 2.24 Public Utilities Commission for access charge purposes and wireless telecommunications
 2.25 services. This fee does not apply to prepaid wireless telecommunications service, which is
 2.26 instead subject to the fee imposed under section 403.161, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

2.27 ~~(d) The fee~~ (f) Fees must be collected by each wireless or wire-line telecommunications
 2.28 service provider subject to ~~the fee~~ fees. Fees are payable to and must be submitted to the
 2.29 commissioner monthly before the 25th of each month following the month of collection,
 2.30 except that fees may be submitted quarterly if less than \$250 a month is due, or annually if
 2.31 less than \$25 a month is due. Receipts collected pursuant to paragraph (a) must be deposited
 2.32 in the state treasury and credited to a 911 emergency telecommunications service account
 2.33 in the special revenue fund. The money in the account may only be used for 911
 2.34 telecommunications services. Receipts collected pursuant to paragraph (b) must be deposited

3.1 in the state treasury and credited to the public safety radio and crime victims account in the
 3.2 special revenue fund.

3.3 ~~(e)~~ (g) Competitive local exchanges carriers holding certificates of authority from the
 3.4 Public Utilities Commission are eligible to receive payment for recurring 911 services.

3.5 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 403.11, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

3.6 Subd. 1a. **Fee collection declaration.** If the commissioner disputes the accuracy of a
 3.7 fee submission or if no fees are submitted by a wireless, wire-line, or packet-based
 3.8 telecommunications service provider, the wireless, wire-line, or packet-based
 3.9 telecommunications service provider ~~shall~~ must submit a sworn declaration signed by an
 3.10 officer of the company certifying, under penalty of perjury, that the information provided
 3.11 with the fee submission is true and correct. The sworn declaration must specifically describe
 3.12 and affirm that the computation of the 911 fee computation, the public safety radio and
 3.13 crime victims fee, or both fees is complete and accurate. When a wireless, wire-line, or
 3.14 packet-based telecommunications service provider fails to provide a sworn declaration
 3.15 within 90 days of notice by the commissioner that the fee submission is disputed, the
 3.16 commissioner may estimate the amount due from the wireless, wire-line, or packet-based
 3.17 telecommunications service provider and refer that amount for collection under section
 3.18 16D.04.

3.19 Sec. 3. **[403.111] PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO AND CRIME VICTIMS ACCOUNT.**

3.20 Subdivision 1. Account established. The public safety radio and crime victims account
 3.21 is established in the special revenue fund.

3.22 Subd. 2. Source of funds. The account consists of money deposited in the account from
 3.23 the fee imposed under section 403.11, subdivision 1, paragraph (e), and any interest or
 3.24 earnings of the account.

3.25 Subd. 3. Appropriation; statewide public safety radio communication system
 3.26 equipment and crime victims grants. (a) One-half of the money in the public safety radio
 3.27 and crime victims account in the special revenue fund is appropriated to the commissioner
 3.28 for grants to local government units, federally recognized Tribal entities, and state agencies
 3.29 participating in the statewide Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER)
 3.30 public safety radio communication system established under section 403.36, subdivision
 3.31 1e. The grants must be used to purchase or upgrade portable radios, mobile radios, and
 3.32 related equipment that is interoperable with the ARMER system. Each local government
 3.33 unit may receive only one grant. The grant for nonstate agencies is contingent upon a match

4.1 of at least five percent from nonstate funds. The director of the Department of Public Safety
4.2 Emergency Communication Networks Division, in consultation with the Statewide
4.3 Emergency Communications Board, must administer the grant program. Notwithstanding
4.4 section 16B.98, subdivision 14, up to two percent of the appropriation is available for grant
4.5 administration.

4.6 (b) One-half of the money in the public safety radio and crime victims account in the
4.7 special revenue fund is appropriated to the commissioner to provide grants to crime victim
4.8 service providers. Grants must be used for direct services and advocacy for victims of sexual
4.9 assault, general crime, domestic violence, and child abuse. Funding must support the direct
4.10 needs of organizations serving victims of crime and may provide: direct client assistance
4.11 to crime victims; competitive wages for direct service staff; hotel stays and other
4.12 housing-related supports and services; culturally responsive programming; prevention
4.13 programming, including domestic abuse transformation and restorative justice programming;
4.14 and for other needs of organizations and crime victim survivors. Services funded must
4.15 include services for victims of crime in underserved communities most impacted by violence
4.16 and reflect the ethnic, racial, economic, cultural, and geographic diversity of the state.
4.17 Notwithstanding section 16B.98, subdivision 14, up to two percent of the appropriation is
4.18 available for grant administration.

4.19 Subd. 4. **Reporting.** By January 15, 2026, and each year thereafter, the commissioner
4.20 must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
4.21 with jurisdiction over public safety policy and finance on the account established under
4.22 subdivision 1. The report must provide detailed information on the money deposited in the
4.23 account and grants awarded under the account.

4.24 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** This section and the fee established under section 403.11,
4.25 subdivision 1, paragraph (e), expire on June 30, 2033.

4.26 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 403.113, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

4.27 Subdivision 1. **Fee.** A portion of the fee collected under section 403.11, subdivision 1,
4.28 paragraph (a), must be used to fund implementation, operation, maintenance, enhancement,
4.29 and expansion of enhanced 911 service, including acquisition of necessary equipment and
4.30 the costs of the commissioner to administer the program.

5.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 403.161, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

5.2 Subdivision 1. **Fees imposed.** (a) A prepaid wireless E911 fee of 80 cents per retail
5.3 transaction is imposed on prepaid wireless telecommunications service until the fee is
5.4 adjusted as an amount per retail transaction under subdivision 7.

5.5 (b) A prepaid wireless telecommunications access Minnesota fee, in the amount of the
5.6 monthly charge provided for in section 237.52, subdivision 2, is imposed on each retail
5.7 transaction for prepaid wireless telecommunications service until the fee is adjusted as an
5.8 amount per retail transaction under subdivision 7.

5.9 (c) A prepaid wireless 988 fee, in the amount of the monthly charge provided for in
5.10 section 145.561, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), is imposed on each retail transaction for
5.11 prepaid wireless telecommunications service until the fee is adjusted as an amount per retail
5.12 transaction under subdivision 7.

5.13 (d) A prepaid wireless public safety radio and crime victims fee in the amount of 50
5.14 cents per retail transaction is imposed on prepaid wireless telecommunications service.

5.15 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 403.161, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

5.16 Subd. 3. **Fee collected.** The prepaid wireless E911, telecommunications access Minnesota,
5.17 ~~and 988,~~ and public safety radio and crime victims fees must be collected by the seller from
5.18 the consumer for each retail transaction occurring in this state. The amount of each fee must
5.19 be combined into one amount, which must be separately stated on an invoice, receipt, or
5.20 other similar document that is provided to the consumer by the seller.

5.21 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 403.161, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

5.22 Subd. 5. **Remittance.** The prepaid wireless E911, telecommunications access Minnesota,
5.23 ~~and 988,~~ and public safety radio and crime victims fees are the liability of the consumer
5.24 and not of the seller or of any provider, except that the seller is liable to remit all fees as
5.25 provided in section 403.162.

5.26 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 403.161, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

5.27 Subd. 6. **Exclusion for calculating other charges.** The combined amount of the prepaid
5.28 wireless E911, telecommunications access Minnesota, ~~and 988,~~ and public safety radio and
5.29 crime victims fees collected by a seller from a consumer must not be included in the base
5.30 for measuring any tax, fee, surcharge, or other charge that is imposed by this state, any
5.31 political subdivision of this state, or any intergovernmental agency.

6.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 403.162, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

6.2 Subdivision 1. **Remittance.** Prepaid wireless E911, telecommunications access
6.3 Minnesota, ~~and 988~~, and public safety radio and crime victims fees collected by sellers must
6.4 be remitted to the commissioner of revenue at the times and in the manner provided by
6.5 chapter 297A with respect to the general sales and use tax. The commissioner of revenue
6.6 ~~shall~~ must establish registration and payment procedures that substantially coincide with
6.7 the registration and payment procedures that apply in chapter 297A.

6.8 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 403.162, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

6.9 Subd. 5. **Fees deposited.** (a) The commissioner of revenue ~~shall~~ must, based on the
6.10 relative proportion of the prepaid wireless E911 fee, the prepaid wireless telecommunications
6.11 access Minnesota fee, ~~and~~ the prepaid wireless 988 fee, and the public safety radio and
6.12 crime victims fee imposed per retail transaction, divide the fees collected in corresponding
6.13 proportions. Within 30 days of receipt of the collected fees, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must:

6.14 (1) deposit the proportion of the collected fees attributable to the prepaid wireless E911
6.15 fee in the 911 emergency telecommunications service account in the special revenue fund;

6.16 (2) deposit the proportion of collected fees attributable to the prepaid wireless
6.17 telecommunications access Minnesota fee in the telecommunications access fund established
6.18 in section 237.52, subdivision 1; ~~and~~

6.19 (3) deposit the proportion of the collected fees attributable to the prepaid wireless 988
6.20 fee in the 988 special revenue account established in section 145.561, subdivision 3; and

6.21 (4) deposit the portion of the collected fees attributable to the public safety radio fee in
6.22 the public safety radio and crime victims account in the special revenue fund.

6.23 (b) The commissioner of revenue may deduct and deposit in a special revenue account
6.24 an amount not to exceed two percent of collected fees. Money in the account is annually
6.25 appropriated to the commissioner of revenue to reimburse its direct costs of administering
6.26 the collection and remittance of prepaid wireless E911 fees, prepaid wireless
6.27 telecommunications access Minnesota fees, and prepaid wireless 988 fees.