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**ARTICLE 11**

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**STATEWIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION**

185.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 403.21, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

185.4 Subd. 7a. **Statewide Radio Emergency Communication Board.** "Statewide Radio  
185.5 Emergency Communication Board," "radio emergency communication board," or "board"  
185.6 means the ~~Statewide Radio Board established under section 403.36 and where the Statewide~~  
185.7 ~~Radio Board has affirmatively elected to become a~~ Statewide Emergency Communication  
185.8 Board as provided in section 403.382 ~~it shall mean the Statewide Emergency Communication~~  
185.9 ~~Board as~~ and is the successor to the Statewide Radio Board.

185.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 403.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

185.11 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The commissioner of public safety shall convene and  
185.12 chair the ~~Statewide Radio Emergency Communication~~ Board to develop a project plan for  
185.13 a statewide, shared, trunked public safety radio communication system. The system may  
185.14 be referred to as "Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response," or "ARMER."

185.15 (b) The board consists of the following members or their designees:

185.16 (1) the commissioner of public safety;

185.17 (2) the commissioner of transportation;

185.18 (3) the state chief information officer;

185.19 (4) the commissioner of natural resources;

185.20 (5) the chief of the Minnesota State Patrol;

185.21 (6) the chair of the Metropolitan Council;

185.22 (7) the commissioner of corrections;

185.23 (8) a representative from the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council;

185.24 ~~(7) (9)~~ two elected city officials, one from the ~~nine-county ten-county~~ metropolitan area  
185.25 and one from Greater Minnesota, appointed by the governing body of the League of  
185.26 Minnesota Cities;

185.27 ~~(8) (10)~~ two elected county officials, one from the ~~nine-county ten-county~~ metropolitan  
185.28 area and one from Greater Minnesota, appointed by the governing body of the Association  
185.29 of Minnesota Counties;

186.1 ~~(9) (11)~~ two sheriffs, one from the ~~nine-county ten-county~~ metropolitan area and one  
186.2 from Greater Minnesota, appointed by the governing body of the Minnesota Sheriffs'  
186.3 Association;

186.4 ~~(10)~~ (12) two chiefs of police, one from the ~~nine-county~~ ten-county metropolitan area  
186.5 and one from Greater Minnesota, appointed by the ~~governor after considering~~  
186.6 ~~recommendations made by the~~ Minnesota Chiefs' of Police Association;

186.7 ~~(11)~~ (13) two fire chiefs, one from the ~~nine-county~~ ten-county metropolitan area and  
186.8 one from Greater Minnesota, appointed by the ~~governor after considering recommendations~~  
186.9 ~~made by the~~ Minnesota Fire Chiefs' Association;

186.10 ~~(12)~~ (14) two representatives of emergency medical service providers, one from the  
186.11 ~~nine-county~~ ten-county metropolitan area and one from Greater Minnesota, appointed by  
186.12 the ~~governor after considering recommendations made by the~~ Minnesota Ambulance  
186.13 Association;

186.14 ~~(13)~~ (15) the chair of the ~~regional radio board for the metropolitan area~~ Metropolitan  
186.15 Emergency Services Board; and

186.16 ~~(14)~~ (16) a representative of Greater Minnesota elected by those units of government in  
186.17 phase three and any subsequent phase of development as defined in the statewide, shared  
186.18 radio and communication plan, who have submitted a plan to the Statewide ~~Radio~~ Emergency  
186.19 Communication Board and where development has been initiated.

186.20 (c) The Statewide ~~Radio~~ Emergency Communication Board shall coordinate the  
186.21 appointment of board members representing Greater Minnesota with the appointing  
186.22 authorities and may designate the geographic region or regions from which an appointed  
186.23 board member is selected where necessary to provide representation from throughout the  
186.24 state.

186.25 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 403.36, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

186.26 Subd. 1b. **Compensation; removal; vacancies.** Compensation, removal, and filling of  
186.27 vacancies of board members are governed by section 15.0575, except that appointments to  
186.28 the board are not subject to the open appointments process of sections 15.0597 to 15.0599.  
186.29 Pursuant to subdivision 1a, members appointed to fill vacancies under this subdivision shall  
186.30 have no set term.

187.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 403.36, subdivision 1c, is amended to read:

187.2 Subd. 1c. **Voting.** Each member has one vote. The majority of the voting power of the  
187.3 board constitutes a quorum, although a smaller number may adjourn from time to time. Any  
187.4 motion, other than adjournment, must be favored by a majority of the voting power of the  
187.5 board in order to carry. In the event of a conflict between the board's bylaws and state law,  
187.6 state law shall prevail.

187.7 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 403.36, subdivision 1d, is amended to read:

187.8 Subd. 1d. **Calling meeting.** The board shall convene upon the call of the chair, vice-chair,  
187.9 other officer, or any six members of the board.

187.10 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 403.37, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

187.11 Subd. 12. **Allocation of money.** (a) The board shall allocate money available to the  
187.12 Statewide Radio Emergency Communication Board among regional radio boards or to local  
187.13 entities within a region to encourage local and regional participation in the system. This  
187.14 does not limit the authority of regional radio boards and local entities to individually or  
187.15 collectively seek funding of local and regional enhancements and subsystems to the system  
187.16 backbone.

187.17 (b) The Statewide Emergency Communication Board, which encompasses other  
187.18 emergency communication networks, including but not limited to wireless broadband, the  
187.19 Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, 911 service, and the ARMER system, may  
187.20 grant money as available to support the goals set forth in the board's strategic plan.

187.21 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 403.382, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

187.22 Subdivision 1. **Statewide Emergency Communication Board.** ~~(a) By an affirmative~~  
187.23 ~~vote of a majority of the members of the Statewide Radio Board, the board may elect to~~  
187.24 ~~become a Statewide Emergency Communication Board.~~

187.25 ~~(b) As a~~ The Statewide Emergency Communication Board, the board shall be is  
187.26 responsible for the statewide coordination of 911 service in addition to existing  
187.27 responsibilities for the ARMER system provided for in sections 403.21 to 403.37, wireless  
187.28 broadband, and the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System.

188.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 403.382, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

188.2 Subd. 8. **Other emergency communication system planning and coordination.** In  
188.3 addition to powers provided for in this section for the coordination of 911 service, the board  
188.4 shall be responsible for planning and coordination of the following public safety emergency  
188.5 communication networks:

188.6 (1) developing and maintaining a plan for the implementation of ~~a statewide public~~  
188.7 ~~safety broadband network~~ the National Public Safety Broadband Network, as approved by  
188.8 the board, including the definition of technical and operational standards for that network;  
188.9 and

188.10 (2) other wireless communication technologies or wireless communication networks for  
188.11 public safety communications, such as the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System,  
188.12 where the board finds that coordination and planning on a regional or statewide basis is  
188.13 appropriate or where regional or statewide coordination has been requested by the Federal  
188.14 Communications Commission or the Department of Homeland Security which is coordinating  
188.15 the technology or network on a national level.

188.16 Sec. 9. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

188.17 In Minnesota Statutes, the revisor of statutes shall substitute the term "Statewide  
188.18 Emergency Communication Board" for "Statewide Radio Board" or "radio board" wherever

- 188.19 the term refers to the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Statewide Radio Board,
- 188.20 consistent with the changes in this article. The revisor shall also make grammatical changes
- 188.21 related to the change in terms.