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8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PREPAID
15 WIRELESS PUBLIC SAFETY CHARGES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 ~~(1)~~(A) Up to sixty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$62,500)
5 to the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training; and

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

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

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17 Referred requested by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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