



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 399

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Substitute House Bill No. 6015

House of Representatives, April 8, 2013

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CHARGING OF FEES FOR 9-1-1 CALLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) No municipality may
2 assess any person a user fee, service charge or similar fee or charge for
3 making, in good faith, a 9-1-1 call requesting that emergency response
4 services be dispatched. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
5 prohibit a municipality assessing any person the costs incurred by
6 such municipality in providing such emergency response services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

The bill prevents a municipality from charging a user fee for making, in good faith, a 9-1-1 call requesting that emergency services be dispatched. It is not known how many municipalities issue these types of fees. To the extent they are issued, there is a revenue loss to those municipalities.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of fines levied.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CHARGING OF FEES FOR 9-1-1 CALLS.

SUMMARY:

This bill prohibits municipalities from charging anyone a user fee, service charge, or similar fee or charge for making, in good faith, any 9-1-1 calls for emergency response services. But it does not prohibit municipalities from assessing anyone for costs they incur in providing such services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 23 Nay 1 (03/21/2013)