

CHAPTER 192-B

BUREAU OF CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

§1531. Maine Communications System Policy Board

(REPEALED)

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2003, c. 678, §2 (NEW). PL 2007, c. 209, §§3-5 (AMD). PL 2009, c. 617, §§1-4 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 19, §2 (RP).

§1532. Powers and duties of board

(REPEALED)

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2003, c. 678, §2 (NEW). PL 2013, c. 19, §3 (RP).

§1533. Bureau of Consolidated Emergency Communications

The Bureau of Consolidated Emergency Communications, referred to in this chapter as "the bureau," is established within the department for the provision of emergency dispatch and 9-1-1 call-taking services to municipal, county and state government entities. [PL 2019, c. 339, §1 (AMD).]

As used in this section, "9-1-1 call" has the same meaning as in Title 25, section 2921, subsection 17. [PL 2019, c. 339, §1 (NEW).]

1. Coordination with the Public Utilities Commission. In accordance with a designation made by the Public Utilities Commission, the department shall provide 9-1-1 call-taking services. [PL 2019, c. 339, §1 (AMD).]

2. Director; duties. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall hire a Director of the Bureau of Consolidated Emergency Communications, referred to in this chapter as "the director." The director shall establish and carry out policies and procedures. The director shall administer the bureau to safeguard the public safety by the provision of 24-hour per day 9-1-1 call-taking and dispatching services to first responders. [PL 2019, c. 339, §1 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2003, c. 678, §2 (NEW). PL 2009, c. 317, Pt. C, §1 (RPR). PL 2013, c. 19, §4 (AMD). PL 2019, c. 339, §1 (AMD).

§1534. Consolidated Emergency Communications Fund

The Consolidated Emergency Communications Fund is created as an enterprise fund for the deposit of any payments made by municipal, county and state governmental entities. The fund may not lapse but must be carried forward to carry out the purposes of this chapter. [PL 2005, c. 683, Pt. D, §1 (AMD); PL 2005, c. 683, Pt. D, §3 (AFF).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2005, c. 519, §001 (NEW). PL 2005, c. 683, §D1 (AMD). PL 2005, c. 683, §D3 (AFF).

§1535. Fees for public safety answering point services and dispatch services

The bureau, in accordance with this section, shall establish the fees that must be paid by political subdivisions for public safety answering point services and dispatch services provided by the

department to those political subdivisions, including services provided pursuant to section 2923-A. All political subdivisions that are to be provided public safety answering point services and dispatch services shall provide to the bureau all information the bureau determines necessary in order to establish the fees. [PL 2013, c. 19, §5 (AMD).]

As used in this section, "9-1-1 call" has the same meaning as in Title 25, section 2921, subsection 17. [PL 2019, c. 339, §2 (NEW).]

1. Fees. The bureau shall seek to establish fees under this section that are based on the incremental costs of providing public safety answering point services and dispatch services to political subdivisions. [PL 2013, c. 19, §5 (AMD).]

2. Base funding level. In order to determine incremental costs under subsection 1, the bureau shall first establish a base funding level, consistent with the department's legislatively approved budget for public safety answering point services and dispatch services, required to provide public safety answering point services and dispatch services to State Government entities. The base funding level must be based on services provided by the department prior to the provision of emergency dispatch and 9-1-1 call-taking services to municipal and county governments as a result of actions taken by the bureau under section 1533. The base funding level must be excluded by the bureau from its determination of incremental costs under subsection 1. [PL 2019, c. 339, §3 (AMD).]

3. Consideration of population. If a fee established under this section for a political subdivision is based in whole or in part on population, the population of the political subdivision may not include persons held at a correctional facility, as defined in Title 34-A, section 1001, subsection 6, within the political subdivision. [PL 2011, c. 505, §2 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2007, c. 622, §1 (NEW). PL 2009, c. 617, §5 (AMD). PL 2011, c. 505, §2 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 19, §5 (AMD). PL 2019, c. 339, §§2, 3 (AMD).

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