

HOUSE BILL 600: Regulatory Reform Act of 2023, Sec. 49: Commercial Mobile Radio Service Changes

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Analysis of:	Sec. 49 of S.L. 2023-137		Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: Section 49 of S.L. 2023-137 eliminates an alternative criteria triggering a requirement that commercial mobile radio service providers receive prior approval from the 911 Board for invoices for reimbursement, and makes some technical changes.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on October 2, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on October 10, 2023. This section became effective on October 10, 2023. The technical changes will become effective July 1, 2024.

CURRENT LAW & BILL ANALYSIS:

The 911 Board is established within the Department of Information Technology (DIT) and is charged with managing both wireline and wireless 911 services throughout the State, including developing the 911 State Plan and administering the 911 Fund.

Commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers must comply with certain requirements for enhanced 911 service and can be reimbursed by the 911 Fund for costs incurred due to compliance, including designing, upgrading, purchasing, leasing, programming, installing, testing, or maintaining all necessary data, hardware, and software required to provide 911 communications service.

A public safety answering point (PSAP) is the public safety agency that receives an incoming 911 call and dispatches appropriate public safety agencies to respond to the call.

Section 49(a) eliminates one of the alternative criteria triggering a requirement that the CMRS receive prior approval from the 911 Board for invoices for reimbursement.

The remaining subsections will, effective July 1, 2024, repeal the statute providing for 911 Fund distribution to CMRS providers for reimbursement and make other technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill was vetoed by the Governor on October 2, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on October 10, 2023. This section became effective on October 10, 2023. The technical changes will become effective July 1, 2024.

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