

Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This proposed bill would establish a fund from which the wireless providers and 911 public safety answering points (PSAPs) (one per county) would be compensated for certain eligible costs of making their systems deliver and recognize wireless location information. The fund would get its money from a monthly, uniform surcharge, to be established by PSC rule, on the bills of wireless telephone service customers billed at Wisconsin addresses.

Specifically, the bill requires:

1. The PSC to promulgate rules requiring each wireless provider to impose a uniform monthly surcharge on each wireless number that has a billing address in Wisconsin and require that the surcharge be paid into a fund established by the PSC.
2. The PSC shall promulgate rules that increase or decrease the surcharge, except that it may be increased more than once per year.
3. The Commission shall promulgate rules establishing requirements for making grants to wireless providers and PSAP's. Rules shall include criteria for approving estimated costs, record-keeping requirements, installment payment provisions, and supplemental grant provisions that provide incentive for counties to submit joint applications.
4. The Commission is directed to set the surcharge amount at a level sufficient to administer the program and make the required grants.
5. The Commission shall approve applications for grants if it determines that the costs are reasonable and are for an effective and efficient state-wide system for responding to wireless 911 calls.
6. The program would sunset 46 months after the effective date of the program.

In order to implement the provisions of this bill the PSC would promulgate emergency rules and develop other procedures using traditional rule-making processes. The PSC conducts numerous proceedings and cases each year and the cost of adding an additional proceeding would be absorbed using existing staff and existing budget. However, the PSC would require a temporary position until the sunset of the program. This position would be a fund manager position who would manage the grant programs under this bill. The PSC would use an existing vacancy for this position.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The bill calls for a sunset date 46 months after it is enacted as law. The PSC would use an existing vacancy to staff the program for that period.