

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments

204H-5.

(c) (1) In addition to the 911 fee imposed by § 204H-5(b), the governing body of each county may by ordinance or resolution after public hearing enact or adopt an additional charge not to exceed 30 cents per month to be applied to all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service within that county. The amount of the additional charge may not exceed a level necessary to cover the total amount of eligible operation and maintenance costs of the county.

(2) THE ADDITIONAL CHARGE SHALL CONTINUE IN EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED OR MODIFIED BY A SUBSEQUENT ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION. [Before July 1 of each year,]

(3) UPON ADOPTING, REPEALING, OR MODIFYING AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE, the county shall certify the amount of the additional charge to the Public Service Commission which on 60 days notice shall direct the telephone companies to add the full amount of the additional charge to all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service in each county which imposed that additional charge.

(4) The telephone companies shall act as collection agents for the 911 Trust Fund with respect to the additional charges imposed by each county. Revenues from the additional charge shall be collected by the telephone companies on a county basis and remitted monthly to the Comptroller for deposit to the 911 Trust Fund account maintained for the county which imposed the additional charge.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1986.

Approved May 27, 1986.
