

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Revenue by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	House 5 - 0 - 0 Senate 3 - 0 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Cowan, Krieger, Nelson, Schaufler, Boone, George L., Johnson, Morrisette
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	George G., Verger
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/6, 2/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Extends the period of applicability of the emergency communication tax.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Funds are not always viewed as exclusive to 9-1-1
- Review by the Legislature as the fund amount grows
- Whether the revenue from the tax will exceed the need at some point in time

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Under current statutes, subscribers who have telecommunications services, which includes cellular, wireless, and other common radio carriers, are assessed a tax of \$.75 per month. The funds collected are deposited into the Emergency Communications account and is then distributed by the Office of Emergency Management to the 9-1-1 communication districts. The authority to assess this tax is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2008.

House Bill 2369 would extend the authority to assess this tax to January 1, 2014.