152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FEE IMPACT

BILL:	**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 2 FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 160**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Longhurst**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO 988 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES.**

In accordance with 29 Del. C. §913, the following information is provided relating to licenses and fees.

Description of the Legislation:

This Act ensures the availability of mobile crisis teams to respond to individuals by establishing a dedicated funding source for behavioral health crisis services through the Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Services Fund. The Act establishes a 60-cent ($0.60) per month, per line, fee on phone lines and a one-time, 60-cent ($0.60) fee on prepaid services.

State government offices or agencies, quasi-state government agencies, school districts and charter schools are exempt from the behavioral heath crisis intervention services surcharge.

This Act, including the implementation of collections, is to begin the earlier of 6 months following signature of the Governor or the date of publication in the Register of Regulations of a notice of implementation by the Secretary of Finance.

Affected Entities:

This Act would affect all qualifying prepaid, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), wireless, and wireline communications services.

Fiscal Impact:

Retailers will impose a surcharge of 60-cent ($0.60) per month, per line on each access line and a one-time, 60-cent ($0.60) fee on prepaid services. Retailers will remit the surcharge collection on a quarterly basis to the Department of Finance, Division of Revenue and retailers may retain 3 percent of the collected surcharges. These surcharges will mirror the surcharges currently used to support the E911 system. Based on prior historical collections of the E911 surcharges as reported by the Department of Finance, total collections are estimated at $9,430,112.

Intended Use of Revenue:

The revenue generated from this surcharge will be deposited into the Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Services Fund. These funds will be used to support and defray the costs associated with the establishment, operation, and maintenance of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, providing the continuum of behavioral health services, data collection and analysis, and the administration, oversight, and evaluation of this specific fund.

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