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S 1182 General Bill, By Richardson, Scott, Mescher, Sheheen, Cleary, Lourie and Fair

Summary: First Responder Interoperability Act

A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 23, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY, BY ADDING CHAPTER 50 SO AS TO ENACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST RESPONDER INTEROPERABILITY ACT WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATEWIDE 800 MHZ COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK ALLOWING STATE AND LOCAL FIRST RESPONDER PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITIES TO COMMUNICATE ACROSS A SINGLE MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDING OF THE PALMETTO 800 NETWORK TO BE DERIVED IN PART FROM UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDS AND INTERIM LEC FUNDS DERIVED PURSUANT TO SECTION 58-9-280; AND TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-280, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO TELEPHONE UTILITIES AND TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE ALL PROVIDERS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INCLUDING WIRELESS AND CABLE PROVIDERS, TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND BASED ON A FORMULA DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO MORE THAN TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY IN TOTAL USF ASSESSMENTS MAY BE IMPOSED ON ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS SUBJECT TO THE USF IN ANY FISCAL YEAR.

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