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2 Senator Hooker moves to amend the bill by striking out Sec. 27a in its  
3 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 27a to read as follows:

4 Sec. 27a. 2G MICROCELLS; MUNICIPALITIES; EMERGENCY  
5 SERVICES

6 (a) The Commissioner of Public Service is authorized to spend up to  
7 \$100,000.00 for contractual services to provide resources and technical  
8 assistance to municipalities seeking to acquire or use State-owned 2G  
9 microcells for the purpose of providing emergency communications in areas  
10 that otherwise would not have access to mobile wireless E-911 service,  
11 consistent with the objectives of prior State investments in microcell network  
12 infrastructure. Technical assistance shall include a cost-benefit analysis, which  
13 shall include consideration of rates and charges related to electric, backhaul,  
14 and geolocation services, pole rental fees, backup-power requirements, co-  
15 location requirements, the use of radio spectrum, and the negotiation of  
16 roaming agreements with national wireless providers.

17 (b) The Commissioner of Public Service is authorized to provide one-time  
18 or ongoing financial assistance to municipalities who acquire or use 2G  
19 microcells pursuant to this section for costs incurred by a municipality that are  
20 related to the operation of the microcells. The Commissioner shall establish  
21 uniform standards and procedures applicable to the financial assistance

1 provided pursuant to this subsection and those standards and procedures shall  
2 be consistent with the objectives of prior State investments in microcell  
3 network infrastructure.

4 (c) Contracts and financial assistance authorized by this section shall be  
5 funded with the \$900,000.00 capital appropriation to the Department of Public  
6 Service for a VTA wireless network pursuant to 2018 Acts and Resolves No.  
7 190, Sec. 14.