

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 301  
3 entitled “An act relating to miscellaneous telecommunications changes”  
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the  
5 Senate concur in the House proposal of amendment with further proposal of  
6 amendment as follows by striking out Sec. 4 in its entirety and by inserting in  
7 lieu thereof a new Sec. 4 to read:

8 Sec. 4. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 25 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 25. OUTAGES AFFECTING E-911 SERVICE; REPORTING;  
10 RULE; E-911 BOARD

11 (a) The Contingent upon the event described in subsection (b) of this  
12 section, the E-911 Board shall adopt a rule establishing protocols for the E-911  
13 Board to obtain information about or be apprised of, in a timely manner,  
14 system outages applicable to wireless service providers, to providers of  
15 facilities-based, fixed voice service that is not line-powered, and to electric  
16 companies for the purpose of enabling the E-911 Board to assess 911 service  
17 availability during such outages. An outage for purposes of this section  
18 includes any loss of E-911 calling capacity, ~~whether caused by lack of function~~  
19 ~~of the telecommunications subscriber’s backup power equipment, lack of~~  
20 ~~function within a telecommunications provider’s system~~ network failure, or an  
21 outage in the electric power system. ~~The E-911 Board shall file a final~~

1 ~~proposed rule with the Secretary of State and with the Legislative Committee~~  
2 ~~on Administrative Rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 841 on or before February 1,~~  
3 ~~2020.~~

4 (b) When one or more states with a combined population of 20,000,000  
5 residents adopts a rule or enacts a law that applies a lower reporting threshold  
6 than is required under 47 C.F.R. Part 4, § 4.9(e)(1)(ii) as it pertains to wireless  
7 service providers, the E-911 Board shall initiate the rulemaking required under  
8 subsection (a) of this section and shall incorporate the lowest above-referenced  
9 reporting threshold applicable to wireless service providers into its proposed  
10 rule, which shall be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 838  
11 not more than 60 days after the rulemaking has commenced. Subsequent  
12 reporting thresholds adopted or enacted outside Vermont shall not trigger a  
13 new rulemaking under this section.

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16 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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18 Senator \_\_\_\_\_

19 FOR THE COMMITTEE