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H. R. 2165

To amend the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999, to clarify acceptable 9–1–1 obligations or expenditures, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS of New York (for himself, Ms. ESHOO, and Ms. PINGREE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “9–1–1 Fee Integrity
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFYING ACCEPTABLE 9-1-1 OBLIGATIONS OR**
2 **EXPENDITURES.**

3 Section 6(f) of the Wireless Communications and
4 Public Safety Act of 1999 (47 U.S.C. 615a-1(f)) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “as specified
7 in the provision of State or local law adopting the
8 fee or charge” and inserting “consistent with accept-
9 able obligations or expenditures in the final rules
10 issued pursuant to paragraph (3)”; and

11 (2) after paragraph (2), by inserting the fol-
12 lowing new paragraph:

13 “(3) ACCEPTABLE OBLIGATION OR EXPENDI-
14 TURE.—

15 “(A) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—In order
16 to prevent diversion of 9-1-1 taxes, fees, or
17 charges, the Commission shall, within 180 days
18 after date of the enactment of this paragraph,
19 issue final rules designating purposes and func-
20 tions that are acceptable obligations or expendi-
21 tures by any State or taxing jurisdiction au-
22 thorized to impose a tax, fee, or charge.

23 “(B) PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS.—The
24 purposes and functions described in subpara-
25 graph (A) include only those used solely for the
26 support and implementation of a State or tax-

1 ing jurisdiction 9–1–1 services and operational
2 expenses of public safety answering points with-
3 in a State or taxing jurisdiction.

4 “(C) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—The
5 Commission shall consult with public safety or-
6 ganizations and State, local, and Tribal govern-
7 ments as part of any proceeding under this
8 paragraph.

9 “(D) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

10 “(i) 9–1–1 SERVICES; E9–1–1 SERV-
11 ICES; NEXT GENERATION 9–1–1 SERV-
12 ICES.—The terms ‘9–1–1 services’, ‘E9–1–
13 1 services’, and ‘Next Generation 9–1–1
14 services’ have the meaning given those
15 terms in section 158(e) of the National
16 Telecommunications and Information Ad-
17 ministration Organization Act (47 U.S.C.
18 942(e)).

19 “(ii) STATE OR TAXING JURISDIC-
20 TION.—The term ‘State or taxing jurisdic-
21 tion’ means a State, political subdivision
22 thereof, Indian Tribe, or village or regional
23 corporation serving a region established

1 pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Set-
2 tlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).”.

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