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Vote: Ayes 97 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the extension of time during which an
2 alternative surcharge may be imposed for E911.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. Section 34A.6A, Code 1995, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 34A.6A ALTERNATIVE SURCHARGE.

4 1. Notwithstanding section 34A.6, the board may request
5 imposition of a surcharge in an amount up to two dollars and
6 fifty cents per month on each telephone access line. The
7 board shall submit the question of the surcharge to voters in
8 the same manner as provided in section 34A.6. If approved,
9 the surcharge may be collected for a period of no more than
10 twenty-four months unless the period is extended as provided
11 in subsection 2. At the end of the twenty-four-month period,
12 the rate of the surcharge shall revert to one dollar per
13 month, per access line.

14 2. Notwithstanding the twenty-four-month limitation
15 imposed by the voters in subsection 1, at the end of the
16 initial period during which a surcharge of two dollars and
17 fifty cents per month per access line is imposed, the board,
18 upon a determination that insufficient funds are available to
19 the board to implement the E911 service plan, may extend the
20 period during which the two dollar and fifty cent surcharge is
21 to be imposed by a period of no more that twelve additional
22 months. The board shall only extend such period after
23 conducting a public hearing to allow for public comment on
24 such action.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill provides for the extension of the alternative
27 surcharge of \$2.50 per month per access line for a period of
28 up to 12 months beyond the initial period during which such
29 surcharge was imposed. The extension can only occur after the
30 E911 board conducts a public hearing to allow for public
31 comment on the extension. Currently, the board may impose a
32 surcharge of \$1 per month per access line, with the ability to
33 impose the alternative surcharge of \$2.50 per month per access
34 line for a period of up to 24 months after approval by
35 referendum in the proposed E911 service area.