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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND  
UTILITIES, AUGUST 16, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in service and facilities, providing  
3 for reports of 911 system outages to commission.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1501.2. Reports of 911 system outages to commission.

9 (a) Reports.--A local exchange telecommunications company  
10 that experiences a service or facilities failure resulting in a  
11 911 system outage shall immediately report the outage to the  
12 commission upon discovering the outage. The commission may deem  
13 a local exchange telecommunications company that fails to comply  
14 with this section to be in violation of section 1501 (relating  
15 to character of service and facilities).

16 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
17 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this

1 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

2 "911 system." As defined in 35 Pa.C.S. § 5302 (relating to  
3 definitions).

4 "Local exchange telecommunications company." As defined in  
5 section 3012 (relating to definitions).

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.