

Reps. Bradstreet, Woodward, Middaugh, McConico and Daniels offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 89.

A resolution to urge the Department of State Police to consider certain criteria when administering the provisions of 1999 PA 78 and to express legislative intent.

Whereas, On June 28, 1999, Enrolled House Bill No. 4658, which was enacted by the Michigan Legislature to amend the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act (1986 PA 32), was signed into law by the Governor as 1999 PA 78; and

Whereas, 1999 PA 78 added section 409 (MCL § 484.1409) to the Michigan Telephone Service Enabling Act. Subsection (1)(e) of this section provides that three cents of each monthly service charge collected in the two years following enactment are to be used by the Department of State Police to fund priority issues of 9-1-1 coverage. Specifically, this money is to address funding inequities and imbalances in services relative to wireless 9-1-1 coverage in rural areas throughout Michigan; and

Whereas, Money has been collected pursuant to this act, and the Department of State Police has taken steps to administer these funds. In doing so, the State Police contracted a study to identify the most effective means of extending emergency 9-1-1 services throughout Michigan. The study identified several projects; and

Whereas, One of the recommendations made by the study conducted for the Department of State Police and presented in November 2002 called for the creation of a new statewide E-9-1-1 coordinator position. This proposal is not consistent with the intent of 1999 PA 78, which is to spend this limited, one-time funding for the expansion of cellular coverage to those areas not currently covered under wireless 9-1-1 service. Establishing a new position, authority, association, or office is clearly not provided for in the statute; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Department of State Police, in its administration of funds provided for through 1999 PA 78 to extend 9-1-1 emergency services for cell phone users, to concentrate its proposals on specific projects rather than calling for the creation of a new office in state government; and be it further

Resolved, That it is our intent, and in keeping with the original intent of this fund, that all projects receiving funding through 1999 PA 78 must address funding inequities and cellular coverage in lesser populated areas of the state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Department of State Police.