

HB 645 -- Taxes for Emergency Telephone Service

Sponsor: Schieffer

This bill authorizes a city or county to impose, upon voter approval, an additional tax of up to 75 cents per month on alternative telecommunications connections such as commercial mobile service, voice-over Internet protocol (VoIP), and prepaid wireless service for the purposes of 911 emergency telephone service. Any city or county which provides its own 911 service may use the tax to upgrade and replace obsolete communications equipment.

In lieu of the emergency telephone tax authorized in Section 190.305, RSMo, a county commission is authorized to impose, upon voter approval, an additional county excise tax of up to \$1.50 per antenna used as commercial mobile service equipment to provide emergency telephone service.