



# Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness

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## Agenda

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Rules Committee Room

I. Call to Order by Chairman Vulakovich

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Consideration of Legislation:

- HB 911 (Barrar) (Title 35/Health & Safety: E-911 Reauthorization)
  - Amendment #01910 (Vulakovich) (Omnibus Amendment)
    - Removes certain elements of the Inventory in section 5314 and all mention of the Pennsylvania State Police. Pushes the competition date to March 31, 2016.
    - Removes from the nonvoting board the Treasury Department, Fish and Boat Commission, Game Commission, Department of Corrections, Department of Human Services, Office of Attorney General, Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Office of the Consumer Advocate, and Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association. Adds in the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute.
    - Removes the current exemption for Allentown and Bethlehem in P.N. 1687 and reinstates the previous exemption in statute.
    - Clarifies the definition of VoIP to ensure proper fees are being collected.
    - Clarifies any 911 system plans rejected by PEMA and the Board be sent to the county with recommendations, including what causes the plan to be rejected.
    - Adds language to ensure any State or County 911 funds before the effective date of the new funds are used only for 911 operations.
  - Amendment #01896 (Mensch) (Optional 911 User Fee)
    - Will allow counties, in addition to the current 911 fee, to levy an annual fee of up-to \$52 per residence. For businesses, up-to 50 employees at \$12 per employee, 51-100 employees at \$9.75 per employee, 101-500 at \$6 per employee, 501-plus at \$3 per employee.
    - Collection will be done by the county treasurer
    - All funds will be in a restricted account and 2% may be used for administrative costs