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Introduced by M. of A. BOYLE -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the county law, in relation to establishing a pilot
program in Nassau and Suffolk counties for the transmission of
pictures and videos by emergency callers; to amend the state finance
law, in relation to establishing a 911 emergency transmission of
picture and video pilot program fund; and making an appropriation
therefor

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The county law is amended by adding a new section 334 to
2 read as follows:
3 S 334. TRANSMISSIONS OF PICTURE AND VIDEO; PILOT PROGRAM. 1. THE BOARD
4 SHALL ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTIES OF NASSAU AND SUFFOLK,
5 WHEREBY CALLERS MAY SEND PICTURES OR VIDEOS TO LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY
6 ANSWERING POINTS OR STATE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS. THE ANSWERING
7 POINT SHALL SEND A PRE-FORMATTED TEXT MESSAGE TO A CALLER'S WIRELESS
8 COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE. THE CALLER MAY REPLY TO THE TEXT MESSAGE BY
9 ATTACHING THE PHOTO OR VIDEO. THE OPERATOR SHALL THEN FORWARD THE PHOTO
10 AND/OR VIDEO TO EMERGENCY RESPONDERS.
11 2. ANY PHOTOS OR VIDEOS SENT TO THE LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING
12 POINTS OR STATE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE
13 STORED IN AN INCIDENT RECORD ALONG WITH ANY DETAILS OF THE EMERGENCY
14 CALL.
15 S 2. Section 331 of the county law is amended by adding a new subdivi-
16 sion 6 to read as follows:
17 6. EACH LOCAL AND STATE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT INVOLVED IN THE
18 PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR
19 OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS PER PHONE OR
20 SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE AVAILABLE IN THE 911 EMERGENCY TRANSMISSION OF
21 PICTURE AND VIDEO PILOT PROGRAM FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION NINETY-SEV-

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 EN-JJJJ OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PICTURE AND
2 VIDEO TRANSMISSIONS.

3 S 3. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 97-jjjj
4 to read as follows:

5 S 97-JJJJ. 911 EMERGENCY TRANSMISSION OF PICTURE AND VIDEO PILOT
6 PROGRAM FUND. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE JOINT CUSTODY OF THE
7 STATE COMPTROLLER AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD, A SPECIAL FUND TO BE
8 KNOWN AS THE "911 EMERGENCY TRANSMISSION OF PICTURE AND VIDEO PILOT
9 PROGRAM FUND".

10 2. SUCH FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ALL MONEYS CREDITED OR APPROPRIATED FOR
11 TRANSFER THERETO FROM ANY SOURCE ACCORDING TO LAW.

12 3. MONEYS OF THE FUND SHALL BE AVAILABLE ONLY FOR THE PAYMENT OF COSTS
13 ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION, MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE
14 TRANSMISSION OF PICTURE AND VIDEO PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO
15 SECTION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR OF THE COUNTY LAW.

16 4. MONEYS OF THE FUND SHALL BE KEPT SEPARATE AND SHALL NOT BE COMMUN-
17 GLED WITH ANY OTHER MONEYS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE COMPTROLLER. ANY SUCH
18 MONEYS IN THE FUND MAY, IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COMPTROLLER, BE
19 INVESTED IN OBLIGATIONS IN WHICH THE COMPTROLLER IS AUTHORIZED TO INVEST
20 PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-EIGHT-A OF THIS ARTICLE. ANY INCOME OR INTER-
21 EST FROM SUCH INVESTMENT SHALL BE CREDITED TO SUCH FUND.

22 5. ALL PAYMENTS OF MONEYS FROM THE FUND SHALL BE MADE ON THE AUDIT AND
23 WARRANT OF THE COMPTROLLER.

24 S 4. The sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or so much thereof
25 as shall be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this act is hereby
26 appropriated from any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund
27 to the credit of the 911 emergency transmission of picture and video
28 pilot program fund not otherwise appropriated and made immediately
29 available to the New York state 911 board for its expenses. The moneys
30 appropriated herein when made available pursuant to a certificate of
31 availability issued by the director of the budget shall be paid out of
32 the state treasury on audit and warrant of the state comptroller on
33 vouchers approved by the chairperson of the New York state 911 board.

34 S 5. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010. Effective imme-
35 diately, the New York state 911 board shall promulgate rules and regu-
36 lations necessary for the implementation of this act on or before its
37 effective date.