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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 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The county law is amended by adding a new section 334 to read as follows:

S 334. TRANSMISSIONS OF PICTURE AND VIDEO; PILOT PROGRAM. 1. THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTIES OF NASSAU AND SUFFOLK, WHEREBY CALLERS MAY SEND PICTURES OR VIDEOS TO LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS OR STATE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS. THE ANSWERING POINT SHALL SEND A PRE-FORMATTED TEXT MESSAGE TO A CALLER'S WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE. THE CALLER MAY REPLY TO THE TEXT MESSAGE BY ATTACHING THE PHOTO OR VIDEO. THE OPERATOR SHALL THEN FORWARD THE PHOTO AND/OR VIDEO TO EMERGENCY RESPONDERS.

2. ANY PHOTOS OR VIDEOS SENT TO THE LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS OR STATE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE STORED IN AN INCIDENT RECORD ALONG WITH ANY DETAILS OF THE EMERGENCY CALL.

S 2. Section 331 of the county law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. EACH LOCAL AND STATE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT INVOLVED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS PER PHONE OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE AVAILABLE IN THE 911 EMERGENCY TRANSMISSION OF 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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EN-JJJJ OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PICTURE AND VIDEO TRANSMISSIONS.

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

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

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

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

4. MONEYS OF THE FUND SHALL BE KEPT SEPARATE AND SHALL NOT BE COMMINGLED WITH ANY OTHER MONEYS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE COMPTROLLER. ANY SUCH MONEYS IN THE FUND MAY, IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COMPTROLLER, BE INVESTED IN OBLIGATIONS IN WHICH THE COMPTROLLER IS AUTHORIZED TO INVEST PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-EIGHT-A OF THIS ARTICLE. ANY INCOME OR INTEREST FROM SUCH INVESTMENT SHALL BE CREDITED TO SUCH FUND.

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

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

S 5. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010. Effective immediately, the New York state 911 board shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this act on or before its effective date.