

HB 1162 -- Emergency Services

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Currently, Chapter 190, RSMo, authorizes an emergency telephone services tax under Section 190.305 and an enhanced 911 services fee under Section 190.430. An emergency services tax under Section 190.292 and a county sales tax for emergency services under Section 190.335 are also authorized in lieu of the emergency telephone services tax. Each tax or fee is administered by a separate board or the Office of Administration. Sections 190.325 - 190.329 authorize an alternative use of the emergency telephone services tax under Section 190.305, including a separate administrative board.

This bill repeals the authorization for the county sales tax for emergency services and its separate board and the alternative use for the emergency telephone services tax and its administering board. The bill transfers administration of all the taxes and the fees to the emergency services board, which is renamed the Emergency Services Communications Board. The emergency telephone services tax will be authorized for a public safety answering point (PSAP), and the emergency services tax will be authorized for a PSAP for emergency dispatching. Additional uses for each tax are specified. All jurisdictional restrictions that limit certain taxes to certain counties are repealed, authorizing the taxes statewide.

All counties, excluding the City of St. Louis, must establish and maintain 911 addressing where enhanced 911 service has been approved, including areas within municipalities. The county governing body may delegate the 911 addressing authority within a municipality to its governing body. The 911 addressing will become the official addresses, and the cost of materials related to road sign changes will be funded by 911 revenues.