

HB 2763 -- FUNDING OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

SPONSOR: Black

This bill requires "dealers", defined as sellers of prepaid commercial mobile radio service (CMRS), to collect a prepaid CMRS wireless 988 charge of \$0.65 from the end user for prepaid wireless telecommunication devices or services with respect to each retail transaction occurring in the State. This amount, if separately stated on an invoice, receipt, or other similar document provided by the seller to the consumer, will not be included in the base for measuring any tax, fee, surcharge, or other charge imposed by this State, a political subdivision thereof, or any intergovernmental agency.

It additionally requires dealers and resellers of CMRS to collect a monthly postpaid wireless 988 charge of \$0.65 per access line from each of its customers whose place of primary use is within the State.

All revenues from taxes and fees imposed under the provisions of this bill will be utilized by the Department of Mental Health for the operation of crisis services and open access services, as those terms are defined in the bill.

This bill additionally creates the "988 Crisis Continuum Fund", consisting of taxes and fees collected under the provisions of this bill in addition to moneys appropriated to it by the General Assembly and any gifts, grants, donations, or bequests.