ACT 94

S.B. NO. 1814

A Bill for an Act Relating to Emergency Telephone Service.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 269-16.95, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) A public utility providing local exchange telecommunications services [shall be permitted to] <u>may</u> recover the capital cost and associated operating expenses [for the first year] of providing a statewide enhanced 911 emergency telephone service in the public switched telephone network, through [a]:

(1) A telephone line surcharge; or [the next]

(2) <u>Its</u> rate case[, whichever occurs first. Thereafter, the remaining capital costs and any additional capital costs shall be added to the rate base and recovered along with the associated operating expenses through local telephone rates of that public utility]."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (Approved April 29, 1997.)