



## Ohio Revised Code

Section 128.39 [Former R.C. 128.27, amended and renumbered by H.B. 33, 135th General Assembly, effective 10/3/2023] Billing and collection of charges.

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Legislation: [House Bill 33 - 135th General Assembly](#)

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(A) As part of its normal monthly billing process, each telephone company with customers in the area served by a 9-1-1 system shall bill and collect from those customers any charge imposed under section 128.37 or 128.38 of the Revised Code. The company may list the charge as a separate entry on each bill and may indicate on the bill that the charge is made pursuant to approval of a ballot issue by county voters. Any customer billed by a company for a charge imposed under section 128.37 or 128.38 of the Revised Code is liable to the county for the amount billed. The company shall apply any partial payment of a customer's bill first to the amount the customer owes the company. The company shall keep complete records of charges it bills and collects, and such records shall be open during business hours for inspection by the county commissioners or their agents or employees. If a company fails to bill any customer for the charge, it is liable to the county for the amount that was not billed.

(B) A telephone company that collects charges under this section shall remit the money to the county on a quarterly basis. The company may retain three per cent of any charge it collects as compensation for the costs of such collection. If a company collects charges under this section and fails to remit the money to the county as prescribed, it is liable to the county for any amount collected and not remitted.

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