



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1610

Introduced 2/15/2011, by Rep. Karen May

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 750/15.2a

from Ch. 134, par. 45.2a

Amends the Emergency Telephone System Act. Provides that in order to enable access to a 9-1-1 system for cognitively-impaired, disabled, or special needs persons, the installation or connection of any automatic alarm, automatic alerting device, or mechanical dialer shall be allowed. Provides that the device shall be used only in an emergency situation reported by a caregiver after initiating a missing person's report. Sets forth the requirements for the device.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Emergency Telephone System Act is amended by
5 changing Section 15.2a as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 750/15.2a) (from Ch. 134, par. 45.2a)

7 Sec. 15.2a. The installation of or connection to a
8 telephone company's network of any automatic alarm, automatic
9 alerting device, or mechanical dialer that causes the number
10 9-1-1 to be dialed in order to directly access emergency
11 services is prohibited in a 9-1-1 system.

12 This Section does not apply to devices used to enable
13 access to the 9-1-1 system for cognitively-impaired, disabled,
14 or special needs persons in an emergency situation reported by
15 a caregiver after initiating a missing person's report. The
16 device must have the capability to be activated and controlled
17 remotely by trained personnel at a service center to prevent
18 falsely activated or repeated calls to the 9-1-1 system in a
19 single incident. The device must have the technical capability
20 to generate location information to the 9-1-1 system. Under no
21 circumstances shall a device be sold for use in a geographical
22 jurisdiction where the 9-1-1 system has not deployed wireless
23 phase II location technology. The alerting device shall also

1 provide for either 2-way communication or send a pre-recorded
2 message to a 9-1-1 provider explaining the nature of the
3 emergency so that the 9-1-1 provider will be able to dispatch
4 the appropriate emergency responder.

5 Violation of this Section is a Class A misdemeanor. A
6 second or subsequent violation of this Section is a Class 4
7 felony.

8 (Source: P.A. 87-146; 88-497.)