



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1910

by Rep. Jehan A. Gordon

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 750/15.2a

from Ch. 134, par. 45.2a

Amends the Emergency Telephone System Act. In a provision prohibiting the installation of or connection to a telephone company's network of any automatic alarm, automatic alerting device, or mechanical dialer that causes the number 9-1-1 to be dialed in order to directly access emergency services, provides an exemption for certain devices used to enable access to the 9-1-1 system for cognitively-impaired, disabled, or special needs persons in an emergency situation reported by a caregiver after initiating a missing person's report. Effective immediately.

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

1 phase II location technology. The alerting device shall also
2 provide for either 2-way communication or send a pre-recorded
3 message to 9-1-1 explaining the nature of the emergency so that
4 9-1-1 will be able to dispatch the appropriate emergency
5 responder. Violation of this Section is a Class A misdemeanor.
6 A second or subsequent violation of this Section is a Class 4
7 felony.

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

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.