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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE
NUMBER ACT

Introduced By: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: March 10, 2010

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 39-21.1-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-21.1 entitled "911
2 Emergency Telephone Number Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **39-21.1-4. Confidentiality.** -- Automatic number identification (ANI) and automatic
4 location identification (ALI) information that consists of the name, address, and telephone
5 numbers of telephone subscribers shall be confidential. Dissemination of the information
6 contained in the 911 automatic number and automatic location data base is prohibited except for
7 the following purposes:

8 (1) The information will be provided to the public safety answering point (PSAP) on a
9 call-by-call basis only for the purpose of handling emergency calls, or for training and any
10 permanent record of the information shall be secured by the public safety answering points and
11 disposed of in a manner which will retain that security except as otherwise required by applicable
12 law.

13 ~~(2) All telephone calls and telephone call transmissions received pursuant to this chapter
14 and all tapes containing records of telephone calls shall remain confidential and used only for the
15 purpose of handling emergency calls and for public safety purposes as may be needed for law
16 enforcement, fire, medical, rescue or other emergency services. The calls shall not be released to
17 any other parties without the written consent of the person whose voice is recorded, or upon order
18 of the court.~~

1 (2)(3) The ALI -- ANI Database may be provided to all city, state and town emergency
2 management agencies, fire departments and police departments of the state of Rhode Island for
3 the purposes of, and restricted to, establishing systems of emergency public warning. ALI -- ANI
4 Database shall be defined as automatic location identification and automatic number
5 identification information identifying the land-line telephone numbers and addresses (but shall
6 not include the names, whether listed, unlisted or unpublished) of subscribers to telephone
7 common carrier services in the state.

8 (3)(4) Telephone numbers, including listed, unlisted and unpublished numbers, and street
9 numbers and addresses (excluding individual names), if contained within the Rhode Island E-911
10 ALI -- ANI Database, may be provided by Rhode Island E-911, on a reasonable basis as
11 determined by Rhode Island E-911 to city, state and town emergency management agencies, fire
12 departments and police departments for the sole purpose of allowing individual city, state or town
13 emergency management agency, fire department, and/or police department to warn local residents
14 of imminent and significant threats to public safety.

15 (4)(5) The city or town local emergency warning system ALI -- ANI Database shall be
16 located in a restricted access and secured facility located within the local emergency management
17 office, fire department and/or police department. Additionally the local emergency warning
18 system ALI -- ANI Database shall be secure from unauthorized access and shall be accessible
19 only by the city or town emergency management director, fire chief or police chief and no more
20 than three (3) department members (who shall be known as emergency warning officers)
21 appointed in writing by the respective department director or chief with a copy of the
22 appointment which includes the name, title, and duration of appointment sent to Rhode Island E-
23 911. The activation of the local emergency warning system can only be approved and authorized
24 by the department director or chief or his/her authorized emergency warning officer any access to
25 the local ALI -- ANI data base shall be documented by use of a secure electronic log that records
26 such access and which shall be maintained for a period of no less than twelve (12) months. Any
27 unauthorized and/or inappropriate access of the local emergency warning system ALI -- ANI
28 Database is to be reported immediately in writing to Rhode Island E-911.

29 (5)(6) A violation of the provisions of this section shall be a criminal offense punishable
30 by up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

31 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would allow the release of 911 call recordings without a court order or
- 2 permission of the person whose voice is recorded.
- 3 This act would take effect upon.

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