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S.P. 239

In Senate, February 14, 2003

An Act To Allow Copies of E-9-1-1 Tapes To Be Admitted into Evidence

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York.

Cosponsored by Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, DOUGLASS of Androscoggin,

ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representative: SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
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	Sec. 1. 16 MRSA §358 is enacted to read:
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	§358. Audio recordings of emergency calls
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	<ol> <li>Copies admitted if authenticated. Copies of audio</li> </ol>
8	recordings of emergency calls made to the E-9-1-1 system, when
	duly authenticated by the person in charge of the public safety
10	answering point at which the call was recorded, must be admitted
	in evidence equally with the original recording.
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	2. Application. Title 25, chapter 352 applies to audio
14	recordings and copies of audio recordings subject to this section.
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10	SUMMARY
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	This bill allows copies of audio recordings of E-9-1-1 calls
20	to be admitted into evidence if properly authenticated. The
	Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, chapter 352 governs emergency
22	services communication and disclosure of information on audio
	tapes and defines terms.
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