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CHAPTER 183
EMERGENCY USE OF TELEPHONE
PARTY LINES

Sec.

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§ 2581. Definitions

As used in this section and section 2582, the following words shall have the following meanings:

1. **Party line.** "Party line" means a subscribers' line telephone circuit, consisting of 2 or more main telephone stations connected therewith, each station with a distinctive ring or telephone number.

2. **Emergency.** "Emergency" means a situation in which property or human life is in jeopardy and the prompt summoning of aid is essential.

1961, c. 125.

§ 2582. Refusal to surrender line prohibited

A person shall not willfully refuse to surrender the use of a party line to another person for the purpose of permitting such other person to report a fire or summon police, medical or other aid in case of emergency.

A person shall not request the use of a party line on pretext that an emergency exists, knowing that an emergency does not exist.

1961, c. 125.

§ 2583. Penalties

Whoever violates sections 2581 and 2582 shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300 or by imprisonment for not more than one month, or by both.

1961, c. 125.