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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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House of Representatives, March 13, 1985

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9 ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Swazey of Bucksport.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Chonko of Topsham, Senator Baldacci of
Penobscot and Representative Weymouth of West Gardiner.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Establishing a Statewide Emergency
18 9-1-1 Telephone System.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 35 MRSA c. 187 is enacted to read:

23 CHAPTER 187

24 9-1-1 TELEPHONE SYSTEM

25 §2771. Definitions

26 As used in this chapter, unless otherwise indi-
27 cated, the following words have the following mean-
28 ings.

29 1. Automatic location identification. "Automat-
30 ic location identification" means an enhanced 9-1-1
31 service capability that enables the automatic display
32 of information defining the geographical location of
33 the telephone used to place a 9-1-1 call.

1 2. Automatic number identification. "Automatic
2 number identification" means an enhanced 9-1-1 ser-
3 vice capability that enables the automatic display of
4 the 7-digit number used to place a 9-1-1 call.

5 3. Enhanced 9-1-1 service. "Enhanced 9-1-1 ser-
6 vice" means a service consisting of telephone network
7 features and public safety answering points provided
8 for users of the public telephone system enabling
9 those users to reach a public safety answering point
10 by dialing the digits 9-1-1. This service directs
11 9-1-1 calls to appropriate public safety answering
12 points by selective routing based on the geographical
13 location from which the call originated and provides
14 the capability for automatic number identification
15 and automatic location identification features.

16 4. Private safety agency. "Private safety agen-
17 cy" means any entity, except a municipality or a pub-
18 lic safety agency, providing emergency fire, ambu-
19 lance or medical services.

20 5. Public safety agency. "Public safety agency"
21 means a division of a municipality or the State which
22 provides fire fighting, law enforcement, ambulance,
23 medical or other emergency services.

24 6. Public safety answering point. "Public safe-
25 ty answering point" means a facility, operated on a
26 24-hour basis, assigned the responsibility of receiv-
27 ing 9-1-1 calls and, as appropriate, directly dis-
28 patching emergency response services, or transferring
29 or relaying emergency 9-1-1 calls to other public
30 safety agencies. A public safety answering point is
31 the first point of reception by a public safety agen-
32 cy of a 9-1-1 call and serves the jurisdictions in
33 which it is located or other participating jurisdic-
34 tions.

35 7. Selective routing. "Selective routing" means
36 the method employed to direct 9-1-1 calls to the ap-
37 propriate public safety answering point based on the
38 geographical location from which the call originated.

39 §2772. Statewide system

1 1. Statewide service required. Every telephone
2 company providing service within the State shall pro-
3 vide, not later than December 31, 1986, selective
4 routing, automatic number identification and automat-
5 ic location identification features.

6 2. Public safety answering points. Each municipi-
7 ality shall, not later than December 31, 1986, es-
8 tablish and operate a public safety answering point
9 which utilizes enhanced 9-1-1 network features.

10 3. Multiagency or multijurisdictional answering
11 points. No provision of this chapter may be con-
12 strued to prohibit or discourage in any manner the
13 formation of multiagency, multijurisdictional or re-
14 gional public safety answering points. Any public
15 safety answering point established pursuant to this
16 chapter may serve the jurisdiction of more than one
17 public agency or a segment of the jurisdiction of a
18 municipality.

19 §2773. Transmission of requests

20 1. Transmission of requests to agencies. Each
21 public safety answering point shall be capable of
22 transmitting requests for law enforcement, fire
23 fighting, medical, ambulance or other emergency ser-
24 vices to a public or private safety agency that pro-
25 vides the requested services.

26 2. Processing of requests from physically dis-
27 abled. Each public safety answering point shall be
28 equipped with a system approved by the Public Utili-
29 ties Commission for the processing of requests for
30 emergency services from the physically disabled.

31 3. Devices connected to telephone network. No
32 person may connect to a telephone company's network
33 any automatic alarm or other automatic alerting de-
34 vice which causes the number 9-1-1 to be automatical-
35 ly dialed and provides a prerecorded message in order
36 to directly access emergency services, except for a
37 device approved by the Public Utilities Commission
38 and required by a physically disabled person to ac-
39 cess a public safety answering point.

40 §2774. Administration

