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SENATE BILL 1147

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-2915, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO EMERGENCY TELEPHONE USE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 13-2915, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 13-2915. Preventing use of telephone in emergency; false
5 representation of emergency; classification;
6 definitions

7 ~~A. In this section, unless the context otherwise requires:~~

8 1. ~~"Emergency" means a situation in which property or human life are~~
9 ~~in jeopardy and the prompt summoning of aid is essential.~~

10 2. ~~"Party line" means a subscriber's line telephone circuit,~~
11 ~~consisting of two or more main telephone stations connected therewith, each~~
12 ~~station with a distinctive ring or telephone number.~~

13 ~~B.~~ A. Any IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A person who TO DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

14 1. Knowingly ~~refuses~~ REFUSE to yield or surrender the use of a party
15 line to another person to report a fire or summon police, ~~OR~~ OR medical or
16 other aid in case of emergency, ~~is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.~~

17 ~~C.~~ 2. Any person who asks ASK for or ~~requests~~ REQUEST the use of a
18 party line on the pretext that an emergency exists, knowing that no emergency
19 in fact exists, ~~is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.~~

20 3. INTENTIONALLY PREVENT OR INTERFERE WITH THE USE OF A TELEPHONE BY
21 ANOTHER PERSON IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

22 ~~D.~~ B. Every telephone directory THAT IS compiled and distributed to
23 subscribers shall contain a notice explaining this section, ~~such.~~ THE notice
24 ~~to~~ SHALL be printed in type which THAT is no smaller than any other type on
25 the same page, other than headings, and ~~to~~ SHALL be preceded by the word
26 "warning". ~~The provisions of~~ This subsection ~~shall~~ DOES not apply to
27 directories THAT ARE distributed solely for business advertising purposes,
28 commonly known as classified directories.

29 C. THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERSON TO ALLOW ANOTHER PERSON TO
30 ENTER THE PERSON'S HOME OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF USING A
31 TELEPHONE IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

32 D. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 2
33 MISDEMEANOR.

34 E. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

35 1. "EMERGENCY" MEANS A SITUATION IN WHICH PROPERTY OR HUMAN LIFE IS IN
36 JEOPARDY AND THE PROMPT SUMMONING OF AID IS ESSENTIAL.

37 2. "EMERGENCY SITUATION" MEANS A SITUATION IN WHICH BOTH OF THE
38 FOLLOWING APPLY:

39 (a) HUMAN HEALTH, LIFE OR SAFETY IS IN JEOPARDY AND THE PROMPT
40 SUMMONING OF AID IS ESSENTIAL.

41 (b) IT IS REASONABLE TO BELIEVE THAT A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE
42 PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-3601 IS BEING, HAS BEEN OR IS ABOUT TO BE COMMITTED.

43 3. "PARTY LINE" MEANS A SUBSCRIBER'S LINE TELEPHONE CIRCUIT,
44 CONSISTING OF TWO OR MORE MAIN TELEPHONE STATIONS CONNECTED THEREWITH, EACH
45 STATION WITH A DISTINCTIVE RING OR TELEPHONE NUMBER.