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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 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.