

SB 68 – AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **68**

AN ACT relative to requirements for multiple line telephone systems.

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COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill places certain requirements on multiple telephone line system owners/operators to ensure that the accurate geographic location of a 911 caller can be determined.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough~~].
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; Enhanced 911 System; Definitions. Amend RSA 106-H:2 by inserting after
2 paragraph V the following new paragraph:

3 V-a. “Emergency response location” or “ERL” means a description inside of a structure such
4 as room number, floor number, ordinal location or similar location for the purposes of more
5 accurately locating a 911 caller inside of a building.

6 2 New Paragraphs; Enhanced 911 System; Definitions. Amend RSA 106-H:2 by inserting after
7 paragraph VIII-a the following new paragraphs:

8 VIII-b. “MLTS owner/operator” means the person or department that operates and
9 maintains an MLTS and has the responsibility for coordinating telephone line numbers with
10 addresses and location information.

11 VIII-c. “Multiple line telephone system” or “MLTS” means a system comprised of common
12 control units, telephones, and control hardware and software providing local telephone service to
13 multiple end-use customers in businesses, apartments, townhouses, condominiums, schools,
14 dormitories, hotels, motels, resorts, extended care facilities, and similar entities, facilities, or
15 structures.

16 3 New Subdivision; MLTS 911 Compliance Requirements. Amend RSA 106-H by inserting after
17 section 17 the following new subdivision:

18 MLTS 911 Compliance Requirements

19 106-H:18 MLTS 911 Compliance Requirements.

20 I. The provisions of this section are for the purposes of accurately geographically locating a
21 911 caller who is utilizing a telephone or other communications device attached to an MLTS.

22 II. The MLTS owner/operator shall be responsible for configuring the MLTS to correctly
23 report the physical address where the telephone or other communications device is located for a 911
24 call.

25 III. If the structure where the telephone or other communications device is located is larger
26 than 10,000 square feet, then the MLTS owner/operator shall be responsible for establishing ERLs
27 and providing additional location information during a 911 call to narrow down the location of the
28 caller inside of the building.

29 IV. The size of the ERL may be as small as is reasonable, such as room number, but shall
30 not exceed the size of the fire alarm zone if there is a fire panel located at the building.

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1 V. An MLTS which is based in New Hampshire and has telephones or other communications
2 devices attached to the MLTS but located outside of New Hampshire shall not route 911 calls from
3 these devices to the New Hampshire public safety answering point and shall comply with 911
4 regulations for the local jurisdiction of that device.

5 VI. An MLTS which is not based in New Hampshire and has telephones or other
6 communications devices attached to the MLTS but located in New Hampshire shall route 911 calls
7 from these devices to the New Hampshire public safety answering point as prescribed in this section.

8 VII. An MLTS with telephones or other communications devices that are nomadic or able to
9 be transported from one location to another with reconfiguration shall report the correct physical
10 address and ERL information automatically and without reconfiguration.

11 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.