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H.B. No. 802

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the number and location information requirements
3 provided by business phones in certain 9-1-1 emergency
4 communication districts.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 772.218, Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (e), (f),
8 (g), (h), and (i) to read as follows:

9 (d) A business service user that owns or leases a publicly
10 or privately owned telephone switch used to provide telephone
11 services to nonaffiliated businesses shall provide to those
12 business end users the same level of 9-1-1 service that a service
13 supplier is required to provide under Subsection (a) to other
14 business end users in the district.

15 (e) A business service user that owns or leases a publicly
16 or privately owned telephone switch used to consolidate telephone
17 services at two or more physical addresses shall provide a level of
18 9-1-1 service that identifies an accurate physical address and
19 telephone number for each 9-1-1 call. For purposes of this section,
20 each floor of a multitenant building is a different physical
21 address.

22 (f) A hotel, motel, or similar lodging facility that does
23 not operate with a 24-hour, seven-day on-site telephone operator
24 must use a system that furnishes the telephone number and location

1 of the individual unit from which a 9-1-1 call is placed.

2 (g) A service supplier, [or] business service user, or
3 lodging facility that implements the network and database
4 enhancements necessary to provide a service described in [under]
5 Subsection (b), (d), (e), or (f), including a supplier, user, or
6 facility that is not required to provide the service, is not liable
7 to a person who uses a 9-1-1 system created under this subchapter
8 for the release to the district of the information specified in this
9 section [Subsections (a) and (b)].

10 (h) Subsections (d) and (e) do not apply to a
11 telecommunications system installed by a public school district or
12 a state agency.

13 (i) Subsections (d), (e), and (f) apply only to a
14 telecommunications system installed on or after September 1, 2003.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.