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H.B. No. 1116

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the provision of a community telephone emergency
3 notification system as part of the 9-1-1 system.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 771.051(a), Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The commission is the state's authority on emergency
8 communications. The commission shall:

9 (1) administer the implementation of statewide 9-1-1
10 service and the telecommunications requirements for poison control
11 centers under Chapter 777;

12 (2) develop minimum performance standards for
13 equipment and operation of 9-1-1 service to be followed in
14 developing regional plans under Section 771.055, including
15 requirements that the plans provide for:

16 (A) automatic number identification by which the
17 telephone number of the caller is automatically identified at the
18 public safety answering point receiving the call; ~~and~~

19 (B) operation of a community telephone emergency
20 notification system that can be used to disseminate quickly
21 critical information to large numbers or targeted groups of
22 individuals and businesses; and

23 (C) other features the commission considers
24 appropriate;

1 (3) examine and approve or disapprove regional plans
2 as provided by Section 771.056;

3 (4) recommend minimum training standards, assist in
4 training, and provide assistance in the establishment and operation
5 of 9-1-1 service;

6 (5) allocate money to prepare and operate regional
7 plans as provided by Section 771.056;

8 (6) develop and provide public education materials and
9 training;

10 (7) plan, implement, operate, and maintain poison
11 control center databases and assist in planning, supporting, and
12 facilitating 9-1-1 databases, as needed;

13 (8) provide grants or contracts for services that
14 enhance the effectiveness of 9-1-1 service;

15 (9) coordinate emergency communications services and
16 providers;

17 (10) make reasonable efforts to gain voluntary
18 cooperation in the commission's activities of emergency
19 communications authorities and providers outside the commission's
20 jurisdiction, including:

21 (A) making joint communications to state and
22 federal regulators; and

23 (B) arranging cooperative purchases of equipment
24 or services; and

25 (11) accept, receive, and deposit in its account in
26 the general revenue fund gifts, grants, and royalties from public
27 and private entities. Gifts, grants, and royalties may be used for

1 the purposes of the commission.

2 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 772, Health and Safety
3 Code, is amended by adding Section 772.003 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 772.003. COMMUNITY TELEPHONE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION
5 SYSTEM. Notwithstanding any other law, an emergency communication
6 district shall provide as part of the 9-1-1 system for each
7 participating jurisdiction a community telephone emergency
8 notification system that can be used to disseminate quickly
9 critical information to large numbers or targeted groups of
10 individuals and businesses.

11 SECTION 3. (a) The Commission on State Emergency
12 Communications shall adopt the performance standards relating to a
13 community telephone emergency notification system as required by
14 Section 771.051(a), Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act,
15 not later than October 1, 2007.

16 (b) Each regional planning commission, as that term is
17 defined by Section 771.001, Health and Safety Code, shall submit an
18 amendment to that commission's regional plan not later than January
19 1, 2008. The amendment must describe the procedures the regional
20 planning commission will use to fully implement a community
21 telephone emergency notification system not later than July 1,
22 2008.

23 (c) An emergency communication district shall fully
24 implement a community telephone emergency notification system as
25 required by Section 772.003, Health and Safety Code, as added by
26 this Act, not later than July 1, 2008.

27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.