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3 HOUSE BILL 3278

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to emergency medical services;
8 amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2802, 2805, 2806,
9 2807, and 2813, which relate to the Oklahoma
10 Emergency Telephone Act; modifying definitions;
11 authorizing the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Services in
12 the place of the Department of Public Safety;
13 modifying terms; modifying definition; repealing 63
14 O.S. 2021, Section 2818.4, which relates to
15 developing recommendations; and providing an
16 effective date.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2802, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 2802. As used in this act:

21 1. "Basic system" means a telephone service which automatically
22 connects a person dialing the primary emergency telephone number to
23 an established public safety answering point through normal
24 telephone service facilities;

2. ~~"Department" means the Department of Public Safety;~~
"Authority" means the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority;

1 3. "Direct dispatch method" means a method whereby a call over
2 a basic or sophisticated system is connected to a centralized
3 dispatch center providing for the dispatching of an appropriate
4 emergency service unit upon receipt of a telephone request for such
5 services and a decision as to the proper action to be taken;

6 4. "Methods", as used in paragraphs 3, 8, 9 and 11 of this
7 section, means the procedures to be followed by the public agency or
8 public safety agency affected by such paragraphs;

9 5. "Primary emergency telephone number" means the digits nine-
10 one-one (911);

11 6. "Public agency" means any agency or political subdivision of
12 the state which provides or has authority to provide fire fighting,
13 police, ambulance, medical or other emergency services;

14 7. "Public safety agency" means a functional division of a
15 public agency which provides fire fighting, police, medical or other
16 emergency services;

17 8. "Referral method" means a method whereby a call over a basic
18 or sophisticated system results in providing the requesting party
19 with the telephone number of the appropriate public safety agency or
20 other provider of emergency services;

21 9. "Relay method" means a method whereby a call over a basic or
22 sophisticated system results in pertinent information being noted by
23 the recipient of a telephone request for emergency services and is
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1 relayed to appropriate public safety agencies or other providers of
2 emergency services for dispatch of an emergency service unit;

3 10. "Sophisticated system" means a basic system with the
4 additional capability of automatic identification of the caller's
5 number, holding the incoming call, reconnection on the same
6 telephone line, clearing a telephone line or automatic call routing
7 or combinations of such capabilities; and

8 11. "Transfer method" means a method whereby a call over a
9 basic or sophisticated system is received and directly transferred
10 to an appropriate public safety agency or other provider of
11 emergency services.

12 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2805, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 2805. In order to insure that proper preparation and
15 implementation of such systems can be accomplished as provided in
16 Section 2803 of this title, the ~~Department of Public Safety~~ Oklahoma
17 9-1-1 Management Authority may develop an overall plan prior to
18 development of any system and shall coordinate the implementation of
19 systems to be established pursuant to the provisions of Section 2803
20 of this title. Any such plan shall contain an estimate of the costs
21 of installing alternate 911 systems and an estimate of the first
22 year's additional operating expenses, if any. The ~~Department~~
23 Authority may formulate a plan by which it and the public agencies
24 and public safety agencies involved may share proportionately the

1 costs of any system and method from their current funds. The
2 ~~Department~~ Authority may aid such agencies in the formulation of
3 concepts, methods and procedures which will improve the operation of
4 systems and which will increase cooperation between public safety
5 agencies. The ~~Department~~ Authority may consult at regular intervals
6 with the State Fire Marshal, the Oklahoma State Bureau of
7 Investigation, the State Department of Health, the Department of
8 Emergency Management and the public utilities in this state
9 providing telephone service.

10 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2806, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 2806. The ~~Department of Public Safety~~ Authority may
13 establish technical and operational standards for the development of
14 basic and sophisticated systems. Such standards shall be forwarded
15 to the Corporation Commission for consideration of any tariff
16 limitations and conditions which may need revision to accommodate
17 such standards; and the Corporation Commission may issue such
18 revisions after whatever hearings or procedures it deems
19 appropriate.

20 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2807, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 2807. A. All public agencies shall submit final plans
23 for the establishment of any system to the public telephone
24 utilities and may make arrangement with such utilities for the

1 implementation of the planned emergency telephone system. A copy of
2 the plan required by this subsection shall be filed with the
3 ~~Department of Public Safety~~ Authority.

4 B. If any public agency has implemented or is a part of a
5 system which would be authorized by this act on the effective date
6 of this act such public agency may submit in lieu of the tentative
7 or final plan a report describing the system and stating its
8 operational date.

9 C. Plans filed pursuant to subsection A of this section shall
10 conform to minimum standards established pursuant to Section 6 of
11 this act.

12 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2813, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 2813. As used in the Nine-One-One Emergency Number Act,
15 Section 2811 et seq. of this title, unless the context otherwise
16 requires:

17 1. "Area served" means the geographic area which shall be
18 served by the emergency telephone service provided by the governing
19 body of a county, municipality, part of a county or combination of
20 such governing bodies;

21 2. "Emergency telephone service" means any telephone system
22 utilizing a three-digit number, nine-one-one (911), for reporting an
23 emergency to the appropriate public agency providing law
24 enforcement, fire, medical or other emergency services, including

1 ancillary communications systems and personnel necessary to pass the
2 reported emergency to the appropriate emergency service and
3 personnel;

4 3. "Emergency telephone fee" means a fee to finance the
5 operation of emergency telephone service;

6 4. "Governing body" means the board of county commissioners of
7 a county, the city council or other governing body of a
8 municipality, or a combination of such boards, councils or other
9 municipal governing bodies, which shall have an administering board
10 as provided in subsection G of Section 2815 of this title. Any such
11 combined administering board shall be formed and shall enter into an
12 agreement between the governing body of each entity in accordance
13 with the Interlocal Cooperation Act. The agreement shall be filed
14 with the office of the county clerk and in the offices of each
15 governmental entity involved;

16 5. "Local exchange telephone company" means any company
17 providing exchange telephone services to any service user in this
18 state, and shall include any competitive local exchange carrier as
19 defined in Section 139.102 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

20 6. "Person" means any service user, including but not limited
21 to, any individual, firm, partnership, copartnership, joint venture,
22 association, cooperative organization, private corporation, whether
23 organized for profit or not, fraternal organization, nonprofit
24 organization, estate, trust, business or common law trust, receiver,

1 assignee for the benefit of creditors, trustee or trustee in
2 bankruptcy, the United States of America, the state, any political
3 subdivision of the state, or any federal or state agency,
4 department, commission, board or bureau;

5 7. "Public agency" means any city, town, county, municipal
6 corporation, public district, public trust or public authority
7 located within this state which provides or has authority to provide
8 fire fighting, law enforcement, ambulance, emergency medical or
9 other emergency services;

10 8. "Service user" means any person who is provided exchange
11 telephone service in this state; and

12 9. "Tariff rate" means the rate or rates billed by a local
13 exchange telephone company stated in tariffs applicable for such
14 company, as approved by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, or the
15 current equivalent of such rates which represent the recurring
16 charges of such local exchange telephone company for exchange
17 telephone service or its equivalent, exclusive of all taxes, fees,
18 licenses or similar charges whatsoever.

19 SECTION 6. REPEALER 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2818.4, is
20 hereby repealed.

21 SECTION 7. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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