

Senate File 268

APPROPRIATIONS: Murphy, Chair; Horn and Tieden

SENATE FILE 268

BY JUNKINS and HULTMAN

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5 of a public telephone system the ability to reach a public
6 safety answering point by dialing the digits 9-1-1.

7 2. "Public agency" means the state government and any unit
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9 whole or in part within the state that provides or has
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11 ambulance, medical, or other emergency services.

12 3. "Public safety agency" means a functional unit of a
13 public agency that provides fire fighting, law enforcement,
14 ambulance, medical, or other emergency services.

15 4. "Private safety entity" means a private entity which
16 provides emergency fire, ambulance, or medical services
17 whether by full or part-time employees or on a volunteer
18 basis.

19 5. "Public safety answering point" means a communications
20 facility operated on a twenty-four hour basis and serving
21 participating jurisdictions, that initially receives 911 calls
22 and either directly dispatches emergency response services, or
23 relays the calls to the appropriate public safety agency.

24 6. "Commission" means the state emergency telephone number
25 commission established by section 477A.3.

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27 1. After the effective date of this Act, when 911 service
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29 safety agency, and private safety entity serving territory
30 within the service area shall participate in providing the 911
31 service. The 911 service shall be established according to a
32 written plan which has the written approval of the governing
33 bodies of each public agency, public safety agency, and
34 private safety entity serving territory within the 911 service
35 area.

1 2. This chapter does not prohibit or discourage participa-
2 tion in or the provision of 911 service covering the territory
3 of more than one public agency, public safety agency, or
4 private safety entity. A system established pursuant to this
5 section may serve the territory of more than one public
6 agency, public safety agency, or private safety entity or may
7 include a part of their respective territories. Public
8 agencies, public safety agencies, and private safety entities
9 may enter into agreements under chapter 28E to provide 911
10 service.

11 3. The digits "911" shall be the primary emergency tele-
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13 this section. A public safety agency or a private safety
14 entity whose services are available through a 911 system may
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16 and shall maintain a separate number for nonemergency
17 telephone calls.

18 4. A 911 system shall be capable of transmitting requests
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33 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 477A.3 STATE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE
34 NUMBER COMMISSION CREATED.

35 The state emergency telephone number commission is created

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2 defense. The director of the office of disaster services
3 shall serve as chairperson of the commission. The office of
4 disaster services shall provide the meeting facilities for the
5 commission. The division of communications, department of
6 general services, shall provide administrative and technical
7 support for the commission with the support of the staff of
8 the respective members of the commission. The members of the
9 commission are as follows:

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11 safety.

12 2. One person appointed by the league of Iowa muni-
13 cipalities.

14 3. One person appointed by the Iowa state association of
15 counties.

16 4. One person appointed by the legislative communications
17 review committee.

18 5. Twelve persons appointed by the governor as follows:

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24 more, and the other from a smaller city.

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26 one representing a county with a population of twenty-five
27 thousand or more, and the other representing a smaller county.

28 d. Two persons representing emergency ambulance and medi-
29 cal service departments, one representing a public ambulance
30 and medical service, and the other representing a private
31 ambulance and medical service.

32 e. Two persons representing exchange carriers providing
33 public telephone service in Iowa, one representing a telephone
34 company subject to rate regulation under section 476.1 and one
35 representing a telephone company that is not subject to rate

1 regulation under section 476.1.

2 f. Two persons from the general public.

3 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the
4 original appointments are made. Terms shall commence upon
5 appointment and shall run until the commission is abolished by
6 repeal.

7 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 477A.4 MEETINGS.

8 1. The chairperson shall call the first meeting of the
9 commission within thirty days of the appointment of the
10 members. A majority of the members of the commission
11 constitute a quorum and the concurrence of a quorum is
12 required on any question relating to the commission's official
13 duties. Commission members shall serve without compensation.
14 Members who are not government employees shall be reimbursed
15 from funds appropriated in section 7 of this Act for actual
16 expenses incurred in the performance of duties. The
17 commission shall meet as necessary, but at least once each
18 month until the report required by section 477A.5 is
19 completed.

20 2. Public agencies and exchange carriers providing public
21 telephone service in Iowa shall cooperate, within time,
22 personnel, and budgetary limitations, in providing
23 information, data, surveys, and studies as requested by the
24 commission.

25 3. The commission may apply for, receive, and expend any
26 private or public funds to implement this chapter.

27 4. The commission shall hold public hearings, prior to
28 making its recommendations to the general assembly, and shall
29 provide Iowans with information on 911 service to stimulate
30 public interest and comment.

31 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 477A.5 RECOMMENDATIONS TO GENERAL
32 ASSEMBLY.

33 The commission shall submit a written report and
34 recommendations for an overall plan to implement 911 service
35 to the general assembly not later than January 10, 1986. The

1 recommendations shall include, but are not limited to:

2 1. The responsibilities that should be assumed by state
3 and local public agencies and public safety agencies and by
4 exchange carriers providing public telephone service in imple-
5 menting statewide 911 service.

6 2. The size of 911 service areas necessary to operate ef-
7 fectively and to achieve economies of scale and the local gov-
8 ernment coordination necessary to establish 911 service.

9 3. Whether it is necessary or desirable for an existing or
10 new state agency to be given the responsibility for
11 monitoring, reviewing, supervising, or coordinating the
12 implementation of statewide 911 service.

13 4. The equipment, capability and operational standards
14 that should be established for 911 service, including pro-
15 cedures for transmitting calls, that will result in the
16 shortest response time in emergencies and the best service to
17 the public.

18 5. An estimate of the cost to state and local public
19 agencies to plan, implement, and operate 911 systems
20 throughout the state. The cost reported should indicate the
21 current costs of telephone and related services as well as the
22 incremental costs of 911 implementation.

23 6. Whether it is necessary or desirable for the general
24 assembly to establish a deadline by which every public agency
25 and public or private safety agency must establish or
26 participate in 911 service.

27 7. Whether it is necessary or desirable for the general
28 assembly to allow a public agency or utility to seek a waiver
29 of all or some of the time limits for implementing 911
30 service.

31 8. Identification and listing of all existing federal,
32 state, local, and private funding sources available for
33 implementation of 911 service. The report shall discuss the
34 merits of alternative methods of collecting the necessary
35 revenues including an increase in taxes, an imposition of a

1 surcharge on the amounts paid by every person in the state for
2 intrastate telephone service, and combinations of these
3 methods.

4 9. How public agency costs for the planning, installation,
5 and continued operation of the 911 system should be met and
6 from which sources.

7 10. Legislation needed to implement statewide 911
8 services.

9 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 477A.6 REPEAL.

10 Sections 477A.3 through 477A.6 are repealed effective six
11 years from the effective date of this Act.

12 Sec. 7. There is appropriated to the office of disaster
13 services from the general fund the sum of fifty thousand
14 (50,000) dollars for the purpose of fulfilling the provisions
15 of this Act.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill requires all public agencies, public safety
18 agencies, and private safety entities to participate in
19 providing 911 service when such service is established within
20 their service territories.

21 The bill creates the state emergency telephone number
22 commission which is to make recommendations to the general
23 assembly by January 10, 1986, on the implementation of
24 statewide 911 service. The commission is abolished six years
25 after the effective date of this Act.

26 The bill creates a new chapter with new sections 477A.1
27 through 477A.6 and refers to those sections.

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S-3262

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- 1 Amend Senate File 268 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 3, by inserting after line 17, the
- 3 following:
- 4 "_____. One person from the Iowa Commerce
- 5 Commission."
- 6 2. Page 3, line 18, by striking the word "Twelve"
- 7 and inserting the following: "Ten".
- 8 3. Page 4, by striking line 2.
- 9 4. Page 6, lines 13 and 14, by striking the words
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- 11 the following: "twenty-five thousand (25,000)".

S-3262 Filed

March 11, 1985

By MURPHY, HORN & TIEDEN

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S-3267 Filed

March 12, 1985

By COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Adopted as amended by 3318 3/28 (g. 1113)

S-3318

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- 1 Amend amendment S-3267 to Senate File 268 as
- 2 follows:
- 3 1. Page 1, by striking lines 6 through 8 and
- 4 inserting the following:
- 5 "_____. Page 4, by striking line 2 and inserting
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S-3318 Filed. *Adopted 3/28/85 (g. 1113)*

March 14, 1985

By DELUHERY

S-3409

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S-3409 Filed

March 20, 1985

By DELUHERY

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Local Government: O'Kane, Chair; Beatty, Cooper, Hester and Renken.

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