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HOUSE FILE 314  
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND  
LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Vote: Ayes 94 Nays 1 Vote: Ayes 39 Nays 0  
Approved March 30, 1986 (p 953)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the obstruction of emergency communications  
2 and making a penalty applicable.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 727.5, Code 1987, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 727.5 ~~OBSTRUCTING~~ OBSTRUCTION OF EMERGENCY TELEPHONE-CALLS  
4 COMMUNICATIONS.

5 An emergency ~~call-is-any-call~~ communication is any  
6 telephone call or radio transmission to a fire department or  
7 police department for aid, or a call or transmission for  
8 medical aid or ambulance service, when human life or property  
9 is in jeopardy and the prompt summoning of aid is essential.

10 Any A person who fails to relinquish any a telephone or  
11 telephone line which the person is using when informed that  
12 ~~such the~~ the phone or line is needed for an emergency call or  
13 knowingly and intentionally obstructs or interferes with an  
14 emergency call or transmission commits a simple misdemeanor.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill expands the present statute prohibiting ob-  
17 structing emergency telephone calls to encompass the ob-  
18 structing of emergency radio transmissions.

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DONALD D. AVENSON  
Speaker of the House

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JO ANN ZIMMERMAN  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 314, Seventy-second General Assembly.

Approved March 30, 1987

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JOSEPH O'HERN  
Chief Clerk of the House

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor