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SENATE BILL 215

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Enhanced 911: Multi-Line Telephone Systems
Version D

Senate Bill 215 ensures 911 dispatchers receive accurate location information so that emergency responders will not be delayed in finding an emergency caller in need. Right now, when a person calls 911 from a Multi-Line Telephone System (MLTS), his or her physical location may only relay the physical street address, but may not provide more specific information about where the individual is actually located, such as a building number, floor number, or room number.

Tragedies can occur when emergency callers are unable to provide a specific location within a large building or complex to the dispatcher, either because they are unaware of the exact location or because they are physically unable to convey the information.

SB 215, which only applies to new installations or upgrades, gives municipalities the option, by ordinance, to require MLTS operators in their region to provide an Automatic Location Information (ALI) record for every telephone capable of dialing 911. This critical information enables the 911 dispatcher to immediately relay fire, police, or EMS responders to the caller's location, even when that person is unable to communicate that information.