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Sectional Analysis

Senate Bill 182

“An Act establishing the crime of interference with emergency communications.”

Section 1: Adds a new section (.785. Interference with emergency communications) to AS 11.56. (Criminal Law, 56. Offenses Against Public Administration).

- (a) Establishes that a person commits a crime of interference with emergency communication when they:
- (1) Call 911 to elicit a first responder response for a previously reported incident when there has been no change in circumstances, and they have been instructed to stop calling
 - (2) Make repeated 911 calls when there is no emergency.
 - (3) Threaten or harasses a 911 operator during a call to 911.
 - (4) Disrupt communications between 911 operators and first responders, or between two first responders.
- (b) Defines: “emergency communication,” “emergency communication center,” and “emergency communication worker.”
- (c) Establishes that this crime is
- (1) A class C felony if:
 - (A) In the past ten years a person has been convicted under this statute or a similar one in another area or
 - (B) the interference results in death or serious physical harm.
 - (2) Otherwise, it is a class A misdemeanor.

Section 2: Adds a section to uncodified law that specifies that this act is not applicable to offenses committed prior to this legislation.