

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 182(JUD)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Offered:  
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): SENATOR WILSON**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

**"An Act establishing the crime of interference with emergency communications."**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

**\* Section 1.** AS 11.56 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**Sec. 11.56.785. Interference with emergency communications.** (a) A person commits the crime of interference with emergency communications if the person knowingly

(1) makes repeated emergency communications to report a previously reported incident with no change in circumstance with the intent to cause an emergency police, fire, or medical service response, after an emergency communications worker instructs the person to stop initiating contact for the previously reported incident;

(2) makes repeated emergency communications knowing that there is not a police, fire, or medical emergency;

(3) threatens an emergency communications worker during an emergency communication; or

1 (4) with the intent to cause a disruption in service, interferes with,  
2 blocks, or otherwise disrupts an emergency communication that takes place by  
3 telephone, radio, or other electronic means between

4 (A) an emergency communications worker and police, fire, or  
5 medical service personnel;

6 (B) police, fire, or medical service personnel; or

7 (C) an emergency communications worker and a person  
8 reporting an emergency or otherwise assisting the emergency communications  
9 worker during the emergency communication.

10 (b) Interference with emergency communications under (a)(4) of this section  
11 does not apply to in-person communications or routine maintenance conducted by  
12 authorized personnel.

13 (c) In this section,

14 (1) "emergency communication" means a communication made to or  
15 from an emergency communications center or between police, fire, or medical service  
16 personnel in response to an emergency;

17 (2) "emergency communications center" means a facility that is  
18 designed to receive requests for emergency assistance and staffed to perform one or  
19 more of the following tasks:

20 (A) determine the location at which an emergency response is  
21 being requested;

22 (B) interrogate callers to identify, assess, prioritize, and classify  
23 requests for emergency assistance and other information;

24 (C) determine the appropriate emergency response required;

25 (D) assess the available emergency response resources that are  
26 or will be available in the time required;

27 (E) dispatch appropriate police, fire, or medical personnel;

28 (F) transfer or exchange requests for emergency assistance and  
29 other information with other emergency communications centers and  
30 emergency response providers;

31 (G) analyze and respond to communications received from

1 emergency response providers and coordinate appropriate actions; and

2 (H) support incident command functions;

3 (3) "emergency communications worker" means a person handling  
4 emergency communications at an emergency communications center.

5 (d) Interference with emergency communications is

6 (1) a class C felony if the interference results in serious physical injury  
7 to or the death of a person; or

8 (2) a class A misdemeanor.

9 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
10 read:

11 **APPLICABILITY.** AS 11.56.785, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, applies to offenses  
12 committed on or after the effective date of this Act.