

SENATE BILL NO. 38

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR WILSON

Introduced: 1/18/23

Referred: Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 (3) threatens an emergency communications worker during an
15 emergency communication.

1 (b) In this section,

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

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

8 (A) determine the location at which an emergency response is
9 being requested;

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

12 (C) determine the appropriate emergency response required;

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

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

16 (F) transfer or exchange requests for emergency assistance and
17 other information with other emergency communications centers and
18 emergency response providers;

19 (G) analyze and respond to communications received from
20 emergency response providers and coordinate appropriate actions; and

21 (H) support incident command functions;

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

24 (c) Interference with emergency communications is a class B misdemeanor.

25 * **Sec. 2.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
26 read:

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