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**Chapter No.**

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**AN ACT**

Relating to emergency services communications.

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

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 8

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Relating to emergency services communications.

\* Section 1. AS 29.48.020 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:  
(8) establish an emergency communications center under AS 29.73.080.

\* Sec. 2. AS 29.73 is amended by adding a new section to read:  
Sec. 29.73.080. EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS. (a)  
A municipality may establish an emergency services communications center with one or more other municipalities and one or more state, federal, or private agencies that provide emergency service communications to the same geographic area. An emergency services communications center established under this section may be organized and operated as a public nonprofit corporation under AS 10.20.

(b) An emergency services communications center under this section may be governed by a board of directors. A member of a board of directors of an emergency services communications center serves without compensation but is entitled to per diem and travel expenses. If an emergency services communications center is organized as a nonprofit corporation, a member of its board of directors may not be employed by the nonprofit corporation.

(c) An emergency services communications center may assess the feasibility and desirability of providing emergency services communications for the geographic area in which it is located through one central office. An emergency services communications center may

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1           (1) combine or coordinate the existing emergency services  
2 communications programs of the participating municipalities and agen-  
3 cies;

4           (2) operate a dispatch center to receive all requests for  
5 emergency services and dispatch those services;

6           (3) study the need for improvement in the timely delivery of  
7 emergency services to residents of the participating municipalities;

8           (4) hold public hearings to obtain information concerning  
9 the timely delivery of emergency services;

10          (5) apply for and accept federal, state, municipal, and pri-  
11 vate money, property, or assistance for use in providing the timely  
12 delivery of emergency services;

13          (6) enter into contracts to carry out the provisions of this  
14 chapter;

15          (7) employ personnel necessary to carry out the provisions  
16 of this chapter.

17          (d) In this section

18           (1) "emergency services" means services provided by law  
19 enforcement agencies, fire departments, ambulance services, and other  
20 organizations that are intended to respond to emergency situations of  
21 imminent danger to life or property;

22           (2) "emergency service agency" means an agency that provides  
23 emergency services;

24           (3) "state agency" means a department, division, or office  
25 in the executive branch of state government.