

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: 3/4/22
Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR WILSON

REPRESENTATIVE Johnson

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;

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