

1 IN THE HOUSE

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by Request

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 203

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to telephone calls on
7 party lines during emergencies; prescribing
8 priority for such calls, and providing
9 penalties."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA;

11 Section 1. "Party Line" means a subscribers' line telephone
12 circuit, consisting of two or more main telephone stations
13 connected therewith, each station with a distinctive ring or
14 telephone number.

15 "Emergency" means a situation in which property or
16 human life are in jeopardy and the prompt summoning of aid is
17 essential.

18 Section 2. Any person who shall wilfully refuse to yield
19 or surrender the use of a party line to another person for the
20 purpose of permitting such other person to report a fire or
21 summon police, medical or other aid in case of emergency, shall
22 be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a
23 fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00, or by
24 imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both such
25 fine and imprisonment.

26 Section 3. Any person who shall ask for or request the use
27 of a party line on pretext that an emergency exists, knowing
28 that no emergency in fact exists, shall be deemed guilty of a
29 misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than

1 \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00, or by imprisonment not to exceed
2 thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

3 Section 4. After the ninetieth day following the effective
4 date of this act, every telephone directory thereafter published
5 for distribution to the members of the general public shall
6 contain a notice which explains this law, such notice to be
7 printed in type which is no smaller than any other type on the
8 same page and to be preceded by the word "Warning"; Provided,
9 that the provisions of this section shall not apply to those
10 directories distributed solely for business advertising purposes,
11 commonly known as classified directories.

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