

affect the provisions of Chapter 32 1917 (Sections 16-6-1, 16-6-2 here-
of the Session Laws of Alaska of in).

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CHAPTER 102

AN ACT

Relating to telephone calls on party lines during emergencies; prescribing priority for such calls, and providing penalties.

(H. B. 203)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

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

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

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

Section 3. Any person who shall ask for or request the use of a party line on pretext that an emergency exists, knowing that no emergency in fact exists, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00, or by imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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

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