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A BILL

To enact sections 128.70, 128.71, 128.72, 128.73, 1
128.74, and 128.75 of the Revised Code to 2
require multi-line telephone systems to have a 3
default configuration that permits users to 4
directly initiate a call to 9-1-1 without 5
dialing any additional digit or code. 6

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 128.70, 128.71, 128.72, 128.73, 7
128.74, and 128.75 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 8
follows: 9

Sec. 128.70. As used in sections 128.71 to 128.74 of the 10
Revised Code: 11

(A) "Multi-line telephone system" means a system that: 12

(1) Consists of common control units, telephone sets, 13
control hardware and software, and adjunct systems, including 14
network and premises-based systems; and 15

(2) Is designed to aggregate more than one incoming voice 16

communication channel for use by more than one telephone. 17

(B) "Business service user" means a user of business 18
service that provides telecommunications service, including 9-1- 19
1 service, to end users through a publicly or privately owned or 20
controlled telephone switch. 21

Sec. 128.71. Not later than one year after the effective 22
date of this section, a business service user that provides 23
residential or business facilities, owns or controls a multi- 24
line telephone system in those facilities, and provides outbound 25
dialing capacity from those facilities shall ensure the 26
following: 27

(A) The system is connected to the public switched 28
telephone network in such a way that when an individual using 29
the system dials 9-1-1, the call connects to the public safety 30
answering point without requiring the user to dial any 31
additional digit or code. 32

(B) The system shall be configured to provide notification 33
of any 9-1-1 call made through the system to a centralized 34
location on the same site as the system. The business service 35
user is not required to have a person available at the location 36
to receive a notification. 37

Sec. 128.72. The statewide emergency services internet 38
protocol steering committee shall grant a one-year waiver of the 39
requirements under section 128.71 of the Revised Code to a 40
business service user that satisfies all of the following: 41

(A) The requirements would be unduly and unreasonably 42
burdensome. 43

(B) The business service user provides an affidavit 44
stating: 45

(1) The manufacturer and model number of the multi-line telephone system or equivalent system that needs to be reprogrammed or replaced; 46
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(2) That the business service user made a good faith attempt to reprogram or replace the system; 49
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(3) That the business service user agrees to place an instructional sticker next to the telephone in compliance with section 128.73 of the Revised Code. 51
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Sec. 128.73. A business service user that is granted a waiver under section 128.72 of the Revised Code must meet the following requirements with regard to the instructional sticker: 54
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(A) It is placed immediately adjacent to each telephone that is accessed using the noncompliant multi-line telephone system. 57
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(B) It indicates that during the waiver period the telephone is unable to directly dial 9-1-1. 60
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(C) It provides instructions for accessing 9-1-1 in case of emergency. 62
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(D) It is printed in at least 16-point boldface type in a contrasting color using a font that is easily readable. 64
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Sec. 128.74. If a business service user fails to comply with section 128.71 of the Revised Code without being granted a waiver under section 128.72 of the Revised Code, the statewide emergency services internet protocol steering committee shall request the attorney general to bring an action to recover one of the following amounts from the user: 66
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(A) One thousand dollars for an initial failure; 72

(B) Up to five thousand dollars for each subsequent 73
failure within each continuing six-month period in which the 74
entity remains noncompliant. 75

The funds recovered by such action shall be deposited into 76
the 9-1-1 program fund created under division (A) (1) (c) of 77
section 128.54 of the Revised Code. 78

Sec. 128.75. The requirements of sections 128.70 to 128.74 79
of the Revised Code shall not apply to the extent they are 80
preempted by, or in conflict with, federal law. 81