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HOUSE BILL NO. 1292

Introduced by: Representative Eccarius

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to make legislative findings and recommendations for
2 improvement to the 911 emergency notification system and to provide for the development
3 of a statewide comprehensive plan.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 Section 1. That chapter 34-45 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
6 follows:

7 The Legislature finds there is a current and immediate need for a statewide integrated and
8 coordinated interoperable public safety communications network. This system should provide
9 voice, data, and radio communications links to all responding agencies that deliver emergency
10 services within South Dakota. The network should allow a public safety answering point to
11 communicate with any emergency responder within the geographic boundaries of South Dakota.
12 The network should also provide for communications between responding agencies who render
13 assistance outside of their normal jurisdiction and public safety answering points.

14 There is a present need for a comprehensive telecommunications plan to facilitate and
15 optimize the structure and utilization of statewide integrated telecommunications networks and
16 services. Such a plan should consider and encompass current and future communications
17 technology, the development of technical and operational standards for such a network,

1 oversight of public safety answering points, and relevant regulatory issues. The Bureau of
2 Information and Telecommunications shall develop such a plan by November 1, 1999.

3 Section 2. That chapter 34-45 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
4 follows:

5 The State of South Dakota shall by July 1, 2001, integrate telecommunications functions and
6 facilities of those agencies, which currently operate their own systems, into one cohesive and
7 integrated network. These agencies currently include State Radio Communications in the Office
8 of the Attorney General; the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications; the Division of
9 Emergency Management in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; Public
10 Broadcasting in the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications; the Department of Game,
11 Fish and Parks; the Department of Transportation; the Division of Forestry in the Department
12 of Agriculture; and the Highway Patrol in the Department of Commerce and Regulation.

13 Section 3. That chapter 34-45 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
14 follows:

15 The South Dakota 911 Coordinated Statewide System Task Force created pursuant to § 34-
16 45-18 is hereby continued at the discretion of the Governor. The task force shall review the
17 comprehensive telecommunications plan.

18 Section 4. That chapter 34-45 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
19 follows:

20 The comprehensive telecommunications plan shall propose one or more model configurations
21 for the consolidation of enhanced 911 centers throughout South Dakota, as well as for the
22 provision of service to areas not presently served by a 911 center.

23 Section 5. That chapter 34-45 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
24 follows:

25 Each public safety answering point shall obtain a full audit report on 911 traffic from its

1 telephone service provider and provide that information to the Bureau of Information and
2 Telecommunications for use in the preparation of the comprehensive telecommunications plan.
3 Each public safety answering point shall provide the audit report to the bureau no later than
4 August 2, 1999.

5 Section 6. That chapter 34-45 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
6 follows:

7 The comprehensive telecommunications plan shall establish the following goals:

- 8 (1) Enhanced 911 services shall be available from every telephone in South Dakota;
- 9 (2) All wireline and wireless customers shall reach an enhanced 911 center when they
10 initiate a request for emergency services, by dialing 911; and
- 11 (3) All enhanced 911 services and facilities within the state shall conform to minimum
12 technical, operational, and procedural standards.

13 Section 7. That chapter 34-45 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
14 follows:

15 The Legislature finds and determines that modern technology allows for universal statewide
16 access to enhanced 911 services. The Legislature further finds and determines that enhanced 911
17 services can be provided by a far fewer number of currently operational and planned public safety
18 answering points, without causing any loss or degradation in the quality and level of service
19 presently received by the public. The comprehensive telecommunications plan shall recommend
20 the number and location of the public safety answering points in South Dakota.