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Introduced by: Representatives Hunhoff, Abdallah, Murschel, and Pitts and Senators
Daugaard, Craddock, Hutmacher, Madden, and Moore

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to prohibit interference with the use of communication
2 devices to summon aid to an emergency.

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

4 Section 1. Terms used in this Act mean:

5 (1) "Communication device," any device, including a telephone, cellular telephone,
6 computer, or radio which may be used in an attempt to summon law enforcement, fire
7 department, medical, or other emergency personnel;

8 (2) "Emergency," any situation in which human health or safety is in imminent danger.

9 Section 2. If a person is attempting to summon aid to an emergency or has communicated
10 a desire to summon aid to an emergency, no person may prohibit or interrupt, or attempt to
11 prohibit or interrupt, another person's use of a communication device by either of the following:

12 (1) Using or threatening to use physical force, intimidation, interference, or any other
13 form of violence; or

14 (2) Destroying, disabling, or damaging a communication device.



1 A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.