

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to prohibit interference with the use of communication devices to summon aid to an emergency.

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

Section 1. Terms used in this Act mean:

- (1) "Communication device," any device, including a telephone, cellular telephone, computer, or radio which may be used in an attempt to summon law enforcement, fire department, medical, or other emergency personnel;
- (2) "Emergency," any situation in which human health or safety is in imminent danger.

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

- (1) Using or threatening to use physical force, intimidation, interference, or any other form of violence; or
- (2) Destroying, disabling, or damaging a communication device.

A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1224

Chief Clerk

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Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

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Received at this Executive Office this _____ day of _____ ,

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The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____ , A.D., 20____

Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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Filed _____ , 20____
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Secretary of State

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State