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Overview

This bill requires wireless telecommunications service providers to provide a service user's call location to law enforcement upon a written request, for use in responding to an emergency situation.

Section

1 Definitions. Provides definitions for terms used in the bill.

2 Authorization for call location information disclosure. Requires a wireless telecommunications provider to provide call location information for a user upon written request of a law enforcement agency. The law enforcement agency may request the information to assist them in responding to an emergency situation that involves the risk of death or serious physical harm to the user. The wireless provider is required to establish protocols for responding to these requests.

As long as the wireless provider acts in good faith and consistently with the requirements of law, the provider is not subject to civil liability for releasing a user's location information.

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is required to collect contact information for each wireless provider doing business in the state, including providers accepting jurisdiction in the state, and to provide the contact information to public safety answering points on a quarterly basis.

3 Effective date. The provisions of this bill are effective August 1, 2010.