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1	AMENDMENTS TO EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE LAW
2	2014 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble
5	House Sponsor: Ryan D. Wilcox
6 7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill amends the emergency telephone service law.
10	Highlighted Provisions:
11	This bill:
12	<ul><li>defines a term;</li></ul>
13	<ul> <li>addresses duties and liabilities of a voice over Internet protocol service provider;</li> </ul>
14	and
15	<ul> <li>makes technical and conforming changes.</li> </ul>
16	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
17	None
18	Other Special Clauses:
19	None
20	<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
21	AMENDS:
22	69-2-2, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 369
23	69-2-7, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1996, Chapter 86
24	69-2-8, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1996, Chapter 86
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26	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
27	Section 1. Section <b>69-2-2</b> is amended to read:
28	69-2-2. Definitions.
29	As used in this chapter:

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(1) "911 emergency telephone service" means a communication system which provides citizens with rapid direct access to public emergency operation centers by dialing the telephone number "911" with the objective of reducing the response time to situations requiring law enforcement, fire, medical, rescue, and other emergency services.

- (2) "Local exchange service" means the provision of public telecommunications services by a wireline common carrier to customers within a geographic area encompassing one or more local communities as described in the carrier's service territory maps, tariffs, price lists, or rate schedules filed with and approved by the Public Service Commission.
- (3) "Local exchange service switched access line" means the transmission facility and local switching equipment used by a wireline common carrier to connect a customer location to a carrier's local exchange switching network for providing two-way interactive voice, or voice capable, services.
  - (4) "Mobile telecommunications service" is as defined in Section 54-8b-2.
- (5) "Public agency" means any county, city, town, special service district, or public authority located within the state which provides or has authority to provide fire fighting, law enforcement, ambulance, medical, or other emergency services.
- (6) "Public safety agency" means a functional division of a public agency which provides fire fighting, law enforcement, medical, or other emergency services.
  - (7) "Public safety answering point" means a facility that:
  - (a) is equipped and staffed under the authority of a political subdivision; and
- (b) receives 911 calls, other calls for emergency services, and asynchronous event notifications for a defined geographic area.
- (8) "Radio communications access line" means the radio equipment and assigned customer identification number used to connect a mobile or fixed radio customer in Utah to a radio communication service provider's network for two-way interactive voice, or voice capable, services.
- (9) "Radio communications service" means a public telecommunications service providing the capability of two-way interactive telecommunications between mobile and fixed

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radio customers, and between mobile or fixed radio customers and the local exchange service network customers of a wireline common carrier. Radio communications service providers include corporations, persons or entities offering cellular telephone service, enhanced specialized mobile radio service, rural radio service, radio common carrier services, personal communications services, and any equivalent wireless public telecommunications service, as defined in 47 CFR, parts 20, 22, 24, and 90.

(10) "Voice over Internet protocol service" is as defined in Section 54-19-102.

[(10)] (11) "Wireline common carrier" means a public telecommunications service provider that primarily uses metallic or nonmetallic cables and wires for connecting customers to its local exchange service networks.

Section 2. Section **69-2-7** is amended to read:

## 69-2-7. Limitation of duties and liabilities.

Except as provided in Section 69-2-8, nothing contained in this chapter imposes any duties or liabilities beyond those otherwise specified by law upon any provider of local exchange service, radio communications service, voice over Internet protocol service, or terminal equipment needed to implement 911 emergency telephone service.

Section 3. Section **69-2-8** is amended to read:

## 69-2-8. Liabilities of providers.

- (1) A provider of local exchange service [or], radio communications service, or voice over Internet protocol service may by tariff or agreement with a customer provide for the customer's release of any claim, suit, or demand against the provider based upon a disclosure or a nondisclosure of an unlisted or nonpublished telephone number and address, and the related address, if a call for any 911 emergency telephone service is made from the customer's telephone.
- (2) A provider of local exchange service, radio communications service, <u>voice over</u>

  <u>Internet protocol service</u>, or telephone terminal equipment needed to implement or enhance 911 emergency telephone service, and their employees and agents, are not liable for any damages in a civil action for injuries, death, or loss to person or property incurred as a result of any act or

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- 86 omission of the provider, employee, or agent, in connection with developing, adopting,
- 87 implementing, maintaining, enhancing, or operating a 911 emergency telephone service, except
- 88 for damages or injury intentionally caused by or resulting from gross negligence of the provider
- 89 or person.