

Access to Communication Device Location Information Amendments

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill concerns access to communication device location information.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms and modifies definitions;
provides that a mobile telecommunications service shall provide communication device location information as quickly as possible under certain circumstances;
adds certain law enforcement warrants that are prioritized as urgent regarding a missing individual in danger to the list of circumstances under which a mobile telecommunications service shall provide communication device location information as quickly as possible;
requires, if a mobile telecommunications service establishes procedures for providing communication device location information, a method for a law enforcement agency to identify different types of requested information; and
makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53-10-104.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 430

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

28 Section 1. Section **53-10-104.5** is amended to read:

29 **53-10-104.5 . Wireless service -- Communication device location information in**  
 30 **emergencies and certain urgent situations.**

31 (1) As used in this section:

32 (a) [~~caH~~] "Communication device" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
 33 76-8-311.3.

34 (b)(i) "Communication device data" means information obtained from the available  
 35 records or other network data concerning a specific communication device that  
 36 may help to reveal the location of the communication device.

37 (ii) "Communication device data" includes, if the data will help to reveal the location  
 38 of a specific communication device:

39 (A) call logs;

40 (B) GPS tracking data;

41 (C) application data;

42 (D) browser history;

43 (E) email records;

44 (F) photos and videos;

45 (G) SMS and MMS messages; and

46 (H) contact details.

47 (c)(i) "Communication device location information" means the best available location  
 48 information, including information obtained by use of historical cellular site  
 49 information or a mobile locator tool for a communication device or a  
 50 telecommunication device.

51 (ii) "Communication device location information" includes communication device  
 52 data.

53 [~~tb~~] (d) "Law enforcement agency" or "agency" has the same definition as in Section  
 54 53-1-102.

55 [~~te~~] (e) "Mobile telecommunications service" has the same definition as in Section  
 56 54-8b-2.

57 (f) "Serious bodily injury" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-1-101.5.

58 [~~td~~] (g) "Telecommunication device" has the same definition as in Section 76-6-409.5.

59 (2) A mobile telecommunications service shall provide [~~eaH~~] communication device  
 60 location information as quickly as possible regarding a telecommunication device user  
 61 or a communication device user whom a law enforcement agency;

62 (a) ~~has reason to believe is in need of services under Subsection [(2)(a) or (b)]~~ (2)(a)(i)  
63 ~~or (ii), upon the request of a law enforcement agency or a public safety~~  
64 ~~communications center if the agency or center determines the communication device~~  
65 ~~location information is necessary in order to respond to:~~

66 ~~[(a)] (i) a call for emergency response services; or~~

67 ~~[(b)] (ii) an emergency situation that involves the imminent risk of death or serious~~  
68 ~~bodily injury[- as defined in Section 76-1-101.5.] ; or~~

69 (b) has a warrant for the communication device location information for the  
70 telecommunication device user or communication device user who is missing, if the  
71 law enforcement agency has prioritized the warrant as urgent based on the law  
72 enforcement agency's determination that the user may be in danger of physical harm.

73 (3)(a) The mobile telecommunications service may establish procedures in accordance  
74 with 18 U.S.C. Sec. 2702(b)(8) for [its voluntary response] the mobile  
75 telecommunications service's response to a request for location under Subsection (2).

76 (b) If a mobile telecommunications service establishes procedures under Subsection  
77 (3)(a), the procedures shall include a method for a law enforcement agency to  
78 identify a situation under Subsection (2)(a) and a prioritized warrant described in  
79 Subsection (2)(b).

80 (4) A mobile telecommunications service that, acting in good faith, provides  
83a information as

81 requested under Subsection (2) may not be held civilly liable for providing the  
82 information.

87a (5)(a) The division shall obtain contact information from all mobile telecommunication  
87b service providers that provide services in this state to facilitate communicating  
87c location requests under Subsection (2).

87d (b) The division shall provide the contact information to all public safety  
87e communications centers in the state and shall provide updates to the contact  
87f information.

87g **Section 2. Effective Date.**

87h This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.