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### **An Act To Allow Text Messaging for Reporting Emergencies**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and  
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BATES of Westbrook, BATTLE of South Portland,  
CHENETTE of Saco, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, NADEAU of  
Winslow, Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2926, sub-§2, ¶I**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 439, Pt. EEEE,  
3 §3, is further amended to read:

4 I. Procedures for collecting and administering the necessary funds for E-9-1-1; ~~and~~

5 **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2926, sub-§2, ¶J**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 439, Pt. EEEE,  
6 §4, is amended to read:

7 J. Standards and procedures for developing and maintaining the system databases  
8 and for ensuring the confidentiality of those databases pursuant to section 2929-; and

9 **Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2926, sub-§2, ¶K** is enacted to read:

10 K. Standards and procedures for the acceptance by all public safety answering points  
11 beginning July 1, 2016 of text messages from all cellular or wireless  
12 telecommunications service providers in the State.

13 **Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §2929, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 623, Pt. D, §1, is  
14 further amended to read:

15 **1. Definition.** As used in this section, "confidential information" means the  
16 following information as contained in any database, report, audio recording, text message  
17 or other record of the bureau or a public safety answering point:

18 A. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of persons listed in E-9-1-1  
19 databases;

20 B. Names, addresses and telephone numbers that are omitted from a telephone utility  
21 directory list at the request of a customer;

22 C. The name, address and telephone number of a caller to a public safety answering  
23 point; or

24 D. The name, address and telephone number of and any medical information about a  
25 person receiving emergency services through the E-9-1-1 system.

26 **Sec. 5. 25 MRSA §2929, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 662, §16, is further  
27 amended to read:

28 **3. Disclosure required.** The restrictions on disclosure provided under subsection 2  
29 apply only to those portions of databases, reports, audio recordings, text messages or  
30 other records of the bureau or a public safety answering point that contain confidential  
31 information. Other information that appears in those records and other records, except  
32 information or records declared to be confidential under other law, is subject to disclosure  
33 pursuant to Title 1, section 408-A. The bureau shall develop procedures to ensure  
34 protection of confidential records and information and public access to other records and  
35 information. Procedures may involve developing edited copies of records containing  
36 confidential information or the production of official summaries of those records that  
37 contain the substance of all nonconfidential information.

