



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB3377

Introduced 2/7/2024, by Sen. Steve McClure

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 750/17.7 new

Amends the Emergency Telephone System Act. Defines "rural 9-1-1 system" as a 9-1-1 system covering less than 190,000 residents. Requires each 9-1-1 System Manager of a 9-1-1 system bordering a rural 9-1-1 system shall continually disclose to the rural 9-1-1 system the contact information for each public safety agency or first responder operating in the 9-1-1 system bordering the rural 9-1-1 system. Provides that a public safety telecommunicator accepting an emergency call in a rural 9-1-1 system shall first attempt to direct dispatch to a public safety agency or first responder nearest to the person in need of emergency assistance. Provides that, if there are no first responders or public safety agencies available to dispatch assistance in the nearest location, then the public safety communicator shall call for the next closest first responder or public safety agency until finding the closest available first responder or public safety agency.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Emergency Telephone System Act is amended
5 by adding Section 17.7 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 750/17.7 new)

7 Sec. 17.7. Direct dispatch of calls.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "rural 9-1-1 system" means a
9 9-1-1 system covering less than 190,000 residents.

10 (b) Each 9-1-1 System Manager of a 9-1-1 system bordering
11 a rural 9-1-1 system shall continually disclose to the rural
12 9-1-1 system the contact information for each public safety
13 agency or first responder operating in the 9-1-1 system
14 bordering the rural 9-1-1 system.

15 (c) Using the information provided in subsection (b), a
16 public safety telecommunicator accepting an emergency call in
17 a rural 9-1-1 system shall first attempt to direct dispatch to
18 a public safety agency or first responder nearest to the
19 person in need of emergency assistance. If there are no first
20 responders or public safety agencies available to dispatch
21 assistance in the nearest location, then the public safety
22 communicator shall call for the next closest first responder
23 or public safety agency until finding the closest available

1 first responder or public safety agency.